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# Time to renew

By DAVID B. BURKS



AS SOLOMON SAID SO APTLY IN ECCLESIASTES 3:1,

"To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven."

The spring season is an incredibly beautiful and exciting time on campus. The dogwoods, azaleas and iris combine in bloom to put on a display that is one of the most spectacular anywhere; musical talents are showcased in the annual student production we know as Spring Sing; athletes excel on the diamond, tennis


courts and track, as well as in the classroom; and hundreds of our students cap off their academic careers at the commencement ceremony in the Ganus Athletic Center.

It is a season of beginnings. As Spring Sing director Steve Frye said in his note in this year's program, "Whether it is the beginning of life, the beginning of college, the beginning of a career, the beginning of love, or God's beginning of the universe, each is a creative moment that transforms every moment to come."

And while our magazine is not beginning — it is now in its 12th year of publication — it is being transformed in this issue.

The change has come about due to introspection. With information bombarding you from every direction, this magazine must compete for your time, and we want it to be time well spent. We strive to produce a publication that will not only inform you, but also be one you will want to keep on your coffee table, set out at the office, or share with others. Thus, the new design contains fresh perspectives and bolder, more contemporary graphics.

As I mentioned when this magazine began, your input is important to us. Let us know what you like, ideas you may have, or where you feel we could improve. You may write the editor, Tom Buterbaugh, at our editorial offices or e-mail [harding-mag@harding.edu](mailto:harding-mag@harding.edu).

We continue to love telling the Harding story — stories of students, faculty, staff and alumni who are making a difference in all areas of the world and kingdom. We hope they serve as inspiration to avenues of greater service. 

*David B. Burks*

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Senior Jacqueline Dillion joined the Army National Guard at 17. She is currently stationed in Iraq. Photograph by Jeff Montgomery.





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# [Around Campus]

## Long promoted to top academic post

DR. LARRY R. LONG WILL assume the duties of vice president for academic affairs at the end of May. He replaces



Dr. Larry R. Long

Dr. Dean Priest, who — citing health reasons — resigned from the position to return to full-time

teaching. The changes were announced in December.

Long, who had served as associate vice president for academic affairs since 2001, joined the faculty in 1976 and was named dean of the College of Arts and Humanities in 1999. A distinguished professor of English, he was selected as Distinguished Teacher in 1982, 1987 and 1997. He directed the Honors College from 1989-2001 and currently heads a study for the North Central Association related to the University's 10-year accreditation review.

He is a 1972 graduate of

Abilene Christian University and holds both the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Ohio State University. Long is a member of the National Council of Teachers of English, the Thoreau Society, and the Conference on Christianity and Literature.

## Keep Church & Family coming your way

*CHURCH & FAMILY* MAGAZINE will be offered by subscription only beginning with the August 2004 issue.

When the first edition of the magazine was published in November 1998, the Institute for Church & Family sent complimentary copies to everyone on the *Harding* magazine mailing list, plus about 11,000 churches throughout the nation. Since then, many individuals and churches have paid a lifetime enrollment fee while others have continued to receive each issue as a gift.

Excessive costs, a difficult economy and good stewardship have forced the maga-

zine staff to re-evaluate the cost of providing the magazine as a free service to so many. As a result, recipients who have not paid the lifetime enrollment fee offered during the first five years of publication will need to pay an annual subscription fee to continue receiving *Church & Family*.

The Institute is offering the magazine, which is published three times each year, at a one-year subscription rate of \$10, a two-year rate of \$18, and a three-year rate of \$26. For uninterrupted service, subscribers should send a check to *Church & Family*, Box 10750, Harding University, Searcy, AR 72149-0001, postmarked no later than July 1, 2004. A subscription card has been provided in this magazine for your convenience.

## The Lectureship in one word is love

WHILE 1 CORINTHIANS 13, often called the "love chapter," may be Paul's best-known writing, he explores God's love for mankind throughout his epistles, prompting the theme of the 81st annual Lectureship Series: He Loves Me! The Beloved Apostle's Letters of Love.

Held on the Searcy campus Sept. 26-29, this year's Lectureship closely examines Paul's revelations regarding the "greatest of these." Seven speakers will present keynote lessons: David Bland of Memphis, Tenn.; Dean Bryce of Bentonville, Ark.; Nathan Mellor of Hixson, Tenn.; Jeff Payne of Greer, S.C.; Shon Smith of Oklahoma City; and Jimmy Allen and Neale Pryor of Searcy.

Topical classes, fireside chats, and the preachers, elders and wives dinner are also planned. Edward Myers of Searcy will host the Fireside Chats with guests Helen

Young of Malibu, Calif., and Jim Bill McInteer of Nashville, Tenn.

For more information on the 81st Lectureship, contact the Institute for Church & Family at (501) 279-4660.

## Former trustee Hatfield dies

W.C. "BILL" HATFIELD, 77, a former member of the board of trustees, died Oct. 2, 2003, in Dallas.

Upon Hatfield's retirement from the board in 1986 after



W.C. "Bill" Hatfield

serving nine years, then-President Clifton Ganus said, "Bill Hatfield has contributed with his expertise

and his ability to the growth of Harding University. We are grateful to him for all he has done to help us."

Hatfield had a distinguished career in the banking business. After he retired in 1989, he worked as a consultant. His service to other boards included those of Abilene Christian University, Christian College of the Southwest, and Amber University. He was a founding board member of Dallas Christian School, where he served as chairman for several years. At various times he also served on the boards of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, the United Way, Eastern European Missions, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas.

He was a member of Walnut Hill Church of Christ in Dallas.

Hatfield is survived by his wife, Wilma Nichols; a son, David Hatfield ('75) of Searcy; two daughters, Sharon Grotlich of Decatur, Ala., and Amy Monroy of Dallas; and five grandchildren.



"Scoutin' for Badges," presented by Ju Go Ju, Ko Jo Kai and friends, took top honors in this year's Spring Sing show April 8-10.



## Master of ministry degree now offered

IN RESPONSE TO THE GROWING number of opportunities for individuals to serve in various ministries in local congregations, the University is offering the Master of Ministry Program.

Beginning in fall 2004, this 36-hour, non-thesis program will equip Christians as professional and non-professional ministers to serve effectively and encourage others in Christian service in the local church and throughout the world.

Dr. Bill Richardson, associate professor of Bible, has been named director of the program. Said Richardson, "The ideal student is any Christian man or woman with a baccalaureate degree who is committed to ministry and wants to develop skills to better serve the Lord in the church. Graduates of Harding will typically enter the program with little or no leveling required, regardless of their undergraduate major."

Course offerings include subjects such as Old and New Testament theology for ministry, evangelism strategies, the art of preaching, conflict management, and women's ministries. Each three-hour ministry course is accompanied by a one-hour practicum, which is an individualized, hands-on experience in the context of a local congregation.

Among the stated goals of the program are that the student would pursue spiritual health and growth, discover and develop gifts, and exercise gifts in constructive ministry in the church.

For more information or to apply, contact Dr. Richardson at (501) 279-4252 or e-mail [brichardson@harding.edu](mailto:brichardson@harding.edu).

## TRIBUTE

### Tucker's death ends 53 years of service

Noted for his strong work ethic, longtime University administrator and Searcy civic leader Lott R. Tucker Jr., 76, was at his office just the week before his death March 7.

His younger son, David, remarked at his funeral held at College Church of Christ March 9 that, "Dad would probably say it's time for you to go back to work."

His older son, Stephen, also told of his father's work ethic, one that "was motivated by his love for Jesus Christ. He worked long hours, but he always had time for me."

Tucker served 53 years on the University's staff and was senior vice president at the time of his death. Following his graduation from Harding in 1951, he joined the business office staff. He was named vice president for finance in 1970 and in 1996 was appointed senior vice president and chief financial officer.



Lott Tucker responds to the naming of the physical resources building in his honor May 10, 2002.

The School of Business named Tucker the Distinguished Alumnus in 1984, and the University awarded him an L.L.D. in 1998. The physical resources building was named in his honor in 2002. Among his duties, he directed the Searcy Fund from 1960-2004 and served as vice president of Harding Graduate School of

Religion in Memphis, Tenn., from 1990-2004.

"A prince and a great man has fallen," said Chancellor Clifton Ganus. "He was my good friend, confidant, fellow Christian and my right arm. He slowed up, but never stopped."

According to Dr. David Burks, Tucker was considered the dean of business officers across the land. "Work was his ministry, and he always finished that which he began," he said.

A member of College Church of Christ, he served the congregation as an elder for 30 years.

Well known for his civic activity, he served 36 years on the Searcy Municipal Planning Commission. He also served three terms on the Searcy Chamber of Commerce board and was president in 1970.

He served as chairman of the Searcy Industrial Development Corp. and as a member of the state Chamber of Commerce. A past president of the Searcy Kiwanis Club, he was past lieutenant governor of the Missouri-Arkansas district.

In 1971, the Searcy Civitan Club selected him Outstanding Citizen. Mayor David Evans gave him the key to the city in 1998. Tucker was a past president of the Arkansas College and University Business Officers, a member of the Southern and National Association of College and University Business Officers, a member of the board of the Searcy Redevelopment Housing Corp., the Searcy Highway Street Planning and Improvement Committee, and a board member of the North Central Arkansas Economic Improvement District.

According to Burks, Tucker considered himself a Searcy man who happened to be employed by the University, believing his service to the community to help develop industry and jobs was a way of helping people.

"Mr. Tucker did a lot of the things behind the scenes," said Buck Layne, president of the Searcy Chamber of Commerce. "He was a facilitator who worked with people and overcame many problems so they would not become bigger problems. He was quite an ambassador for the city and University."

Tucker was also a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife, Mae Anne Songer ('52) Tucker, whom he married in 1951; his mother, Dora Long Tucker; two sons, Stephen ('75) and David ('77); and six grandchildren. **H**





## McNair Program gives graduate, doctoral support

WHILE MANY COLLEGE STUDENTS only look as far ahead as the weekend, a new grant program at the University is encouraging them to look 10 years into the future and envision themselves with a doctorate.

In October, the University received word that it had been approved to offer the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, a grant program established by the U.S. Department of Education in 1989.

McNair, America's second black astronaut in space, was one of seven crew members killed in the space shuttle Challenger explosion Jan. 28, 1986. His life is an outstanding example of academic and professional achievements, and this program is dedicated to helping the current generation of college students pursue and achieve high academic goals.

To be eligible, students must have successfully completed at least one year of college. They must be either from a minority group or be low-income and first-generation college students. The program aims to provide academically enriching experiences to enhance their abilities and prepare them for eventual doctoral study. Students who are selected will receive stipends to conduct research under the guidance of faculty mentors who represent the disciplines in which they hope to pursue study.

Faculty who conduct research in such fields as biology, dietetics, education, kinesiology, physical science and psychology have made commitments to serve as mentors. Students selected during the spring semester receive a stipend of up to



Getting the McNair Program up and running, Drs. Barbara Cole and Linda Thompson explain the application process to junior Julee Byram.

\$2,800 for 12 weeks of research this summer.

In addition to the research and mentorships, students will attend workshops and seminars in a wide variety of subjects, from resumé writing to formal dinner etiquette. They will also receive financial aid, career and personal counseling, and Graduate Record Examination preparation.

"Financial aid is a big focus of the program," said Dr. Linda Thompson, program director. She previously directed Student Support Services, a Title IV "TRIO" federally funded program for students who are first-generation in college, who come from low-income families, or who have physical or learning disabilities. The SSS program, funded to serve 275 students each year, is one applicant pool from which the McNair program participants may be selected.

Dr. Barbara Cole has been hired to serve as assistant director of the program.

The University has been funded at \$220,000 for the first year of this four-year grant and will serve 22 students per year. Harding is one of only three schools in the state to offer this program.

Thompson notes that the

students the McNair Program seeks to attract are those who would not typically apply to graduate school.

"This program will do immense things for their competency as well as their self-confidence," she said. "I love this program, and I'm excited to get it going."

## Spring enrollment continues rise

AS ECONOMIC INDICATORS continued to look up, so did the University's spring enrollment, setting another record semester with 4,511 students registered. Last year's figure was 4,469.

The total represents 3,682 undergraduates and 538 graduate students. Additionally, there are 214 students enrolled at the Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tenn., and 77 studying abroad at the University's international campuses in Athens, Greece, and Florence, Italy.

As of April 20, the Admissions Office had received 1,740 applications for the fall semester. Compared to the same time last year, the number of acceptances is up, and the number of cancellations is down substantially.

## Improved campus to welcome students this fall

ALTHOUGH THE PROJECT TO renovate and enlarge the Joseph E. Pryor Science Building has been in progress since the fall of 2003, this past February President David Burks announced that the board had approved construction of a third-story shell.

The engineering addition was designed as a two-story structure with a third story to be built at a future date. However, with the offering of both electrical and mechanical engineering majors beginning this fall, more space will eventually be needed.

According to Burks, potential savings and convenience also merit building the shell now. A financial analysis "indicates that it would be more cost effective and less disruptive to the campus to put the shell on at this time," he said. This will reduce the amount of work necessary when finishing the third story.

While the science building adds another story, Kendall Hall will undergo major renovations this summer as part of an extended plan to improve older residence facilities.

Approximately \$750,000 will be spent updating the facility for female students. One major change will be replacing window wall units that were installed during construction of the dorm in 1964. The new walls will result in better insulation, allowing more efficient heating and cooling.

The entire dorm will also be repainted and recarpeted.

These enhancements promise to create a more attractive appearance and to improve air quality.

Both buildings will be completed by the beginning of the fall semester.



## NEWSMAKERS

### ADVANCEMENT

**Kirk Manor** is the new regional director for Arkansas. He came from Oakhurst, Calif., where he served as general manager for Tavis Corp. He holds the bachelor of science degree from the University of Redlands.

**Tom Parsons**, a former business analyst with BellSouth Corp. in Dunwoody, Ga., joined the office as regional director for the Southeast, which includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. He holds the bachelor of science degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Dirk Smith**, the new regional director for Texas, came from Collegeville, Pa., where he worked with T. Williams Consulting, a full-management consulting firm in Philadelphia, New Jersey and New York. He holds the bachelor of arts degree from the University.

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

#### Department of History and Social Science

**Eric Gross**, who holds the Ph.D. from Florida State University, began teaching this spring as an associate professor of history. He previously served as a professor at Cascade College.

### COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND RELIGION

Dr. **Paul Pollard**, professor of Bible and Greek, presented a paper titled "Unity Cristology in John" at the national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society in Atlanta Nov. 20, 2003.

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

**Cheryl Smith** has been added to the education faculty as an instructor. She was employed as an adjunct, supervising student teachers. She holds the master of education degree from the University.

### COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

#### Department of Behavioral Sciences

Dr. **Terry Smith**, department head and director of the social work program, presented research related to the preparation of social work students in faith-based institutions for professional practice with diverse populations at the 53rd Convention and Training Conference of the North American Association of Christians in Social Work in Louisville, Ky., Oct. 24, 2003.

#### Department of Biology

Dr. **Steve Moore**, associate professor, was awarded a \$25,300 equipment grant to support his Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network study on viral immunity. Seniors **Ryan Dishongh** and **Kendal Mitchell** are participating in the research.

Moore and **Jo Goy**, instructor, presented a poster titled "Bioinformatics in the Undergraduate Classroom: Helping Students See the Big Picture" at the first meeting of the MidSouth Computational Biology and Bioinformatics Society at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in November 2003. Senior **Nathan Owens** presented a poster titled "Understanding the Scope of Bioinformatics Using PrP1 in Undergraduate Education." Owens placed third in the student poster competition and received a \$100 prize.

Three articles by Dr. **Mike Plummer**, professor, were published in 2003.

"Activity and Thermal Ecology of the Box Turtle, *Terrapene ornate*, at its Southwestern Range Limit in Arizona" was published in *Chelonian Conservation and Biology*. "Effects of Dehydration on the Critical Thermal Maximum of the Desert Box Turtle (*Terrapene ornate luteola*)," co-authored with Bethany Hobbs Williams, Mindy Skiver and Josh Carlyle, was published in the *Journal of Herpetology*. Plummer also co-authored an article with colleagues from other institutions titled "Parental Investment, Embryo Growth, and Hatchling Reserves in Softshell Turtles (*Apalone mutica*) from Arkansas," which was published in *Herpetologica*.

### FINANCE OFFICE

**Tammy Hall** was promoted in February to the position of assistant vice president of finance. On March 1, she assumed responsibility for supervision of financial services, including financial reporting, budgeting, payroll, accounts payable, purchasing, business office and loan office.

Hall has been employed since early 2003 as director of endowments and trusts in the Finance Office.

### FOOD SERVICES

**Judy Hart** was promoted to director of food services for Aramark. She has worked at the University since 2001 as retail operations manager in the student center and, most recently, as assistant director of food services.

### GRADUATE SCHOOL OF RELIGION

**Mark Parker** was promoted to assistant executive director of the Graduate School of Religion in December. Admissions director since May 2001, he now oversees admissions and advancement.

### HONORS COLLEGE

Eleven Honors College students attended the Great Plains Honors Conference in San Antonio March 5-7 with Drs. **Mark Elrod** and **Jeffrey T. Hopper**, dean of the Honors College. **Kevin Chastine**, **Lydia Christian**,

**Jared Culbertson**, **Alistair Kent**, **Bethany Lam**, **Don McLaughlin**, **Chad Nicholson**, **Elizabeth Sullivan**, **Robert Thompson** and **Nathaniel Wiewora** presented papers at the conference.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

**Jennifer Lashley** has joined the staff as publications writer. She previously taught English at Leesburg High School and business writing at the Golf Academy of the South, both in Florida. She holds the bachelor of arts degree and master of business administration degree from the University.

### REGINA SPIRIT AWARDS

**Ryan Bond**, a senior oral communication major from St. Peters, Mo., and **Jeannie Petty**, a senior general studies major from Tullahoma, Tenn., are the 2004 Regina Spirit Award recipients. A 52-year-old Regina Social Club tradition, this annual honor is awarded to two seniors who best represent the Harding spirit. Students nominate fellow classmates for their hard work and service during their time at the University.

### STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Dr. **Jim Johnston**, associate professor of education, was named director of Student Support Services, effective Jan. 26. He left the classroom to assume this new role.

### STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

**Jay Simpson**, assistant director of Student Financial Services, attended a National Leadership Conference March 7-9 in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. Simpson represented the Arkansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, which he serves as a delegate-at-large on the executive council.

### TRAVEL SERVICES OFFICE

**Bill Spear** has been named director of the newly created Travel Services Office.

Prior to joining the staff, Spear served for 10 years at World Travel in Searcy as director of group sales. In that position, his primary responsibility was working with the University's International Programs and International Campaigns, which require arrangements for more than 500 individuals each year.

Spear's immediate task is to help the University obtain accreditation as a travel agency. When this process is complete, he will begin making travel arrangements for all University business.

## Criminal Justice Society of America forms on campus

THIS 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEAR marked the beginning of Alpha Theta Omega, the University's chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association-Lambda Alpha Epsilon. Criminal justice majors comprise the membership and benefit from educational activities and opportunities to raise awareness of issues in the field.

Alpha Theta Omega, committed to promoting ethical conduct, professional training and higher education within the criminal justice field, is student led under the sponsorship of Dr. B.J. Houston, director of the Criminal Justice Program.

Houston used this initiating year to establish a firm foundation for Alpha Theta Omega, preparing it to increase in membership and activities in the future. "We are building an 'esprit de corps' among the members, which will help to strengthen the bond among those within the major," she said.

According to Vice President Charity McLarty, the group is focused on building contacts within the field to help students learn what kind of jobs they want to explore in the future. Members work toward this goal by participating in the ACJA-Lambda Alpha Epsilon National Convention, where they compete against other college organizations and criminal justice professionals.

Senior Nick ten Bensel, chapter president, said that being a member will not only aid students professionally but also spiritually, setting them apart from other chapters.







## Homecoming by day, Arabia by night

WHILE DAYLIGHT HOURS DURING Homecoming weekend fill the campus with reunions, barbecues and games, the evening hours will transform it into a musical Arabian night.

The Departments of Music and Communication selected "Kismet" as this year's musical, which will run Oct. 22-23 under the direction of Dr. Cliff Ganus III.

Set in the fairy tale city of Baghdad around the 11th century, "Kismet" weaves a tapestry of romance and melody around one day in the life of the humorous, yet unfortunate, Arabian poet Hajj.

In addition to the musical,

visitors can watch the Bison football team take on the University of Arkansas-Monticello at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Security Stadium. They are also invited to participate in the pre-game tailgate party, the Golden and Platinum Circle Banquet Thursday evening, the Black and Gold Banquet Friday evening, and class and club reunions.

Homecoming will be held Oct. 21-23, coinciding with the Board of Trustees and the President's Council meetings.

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at (501) 279-4276.



Pi Theta Phi members Nicole Reece, Amanda Moore, Erika Ross and Karen Baur enjoy the fellowship their social club provides.

## New clubs foster friendships, service

REFLECTING THE UNIVERSITY'S growth, three new social clubs, two women's and one men's, chartered during the 2003-2004 school year.

The men's club, Theta Psi Kappa, was formally established in the fall of 2003. The women's clubs, Chi Kappa Rho and Pi Theta Phi, were officially recognized in fall 2003 and spring 2004, respectively. While the women's clubs are both medium sized, Theta Psi Kappa is a small club.

One of the most important parts in the process of organizing a new club is creating a mission or purpose state-

ment. The orange and blue jerseys of Pi Theta Phi members represent a club dedicated to physical and spiritual ministry on campus and in the community. Members of Chi Kappa Rho, whose Greek letters (XKP) resemble the word escape, seek to escape the value system of the world and strive to live more like Christ.

While none of the new clubs participated in traditional induction activities this year, they will do so in the fall.

The addition of these clubs brings the total number of social clubs on campus to 28, 14 for women and 14 for men.

## [SYLLABUS]

### "Israelite Poetry and Wisdom Literature"

#### *Instructor:*

John D. Fortner, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East

#### *Inspiration:*

Proverbs 3:19

"By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place."

#### *Focus:*

Through lecture and class discussion, this course examines the significance of the wisdom literature (Ecclesiastes, Job and Proverbs) and the poetry (Lamentations, Psalms and Song of Solomon) of the Old Testament.

#### *Overview:*

The professor approaches wisdom literature and poetry from existential, theological and ministerial perspectives. During the semester, students contemplate topics such as pain, suffering and death from a scriptural viewpoint. They investigate questions of cosmology, anthropology and ethics such as:

What kind of world has God made?

How has God made the cosmos so that we can hear his voice and see his presence in it?

What is mankind's responsibility and role in this world?

Students explore how the special revelation of God in history and in the Scriptures operates dynamically with the voice of God in the cosmos and with the voice of the human spirit to provide a basis for answering "How do we come to the knowledge of anything?" In addition, stress is placed on how ancient Israel's concept of wisdom shaped the early church's understanding of the origin, person and role of Jesus of Nazareth.

#### *Methods and Expectations:*

To receive the maximum benefit from the course, students are encouraged to participate in class discussion (either live or via e-mail). While the teacher presents lecture material to inform and challenge student thinking, the students themselves reciprocate with insights and questions that enrich the class. Because biblical wisdom and poetry focus on ethical and aesthetic aspects of God and his creation, students are encouraged to incorporate their own fields of study into the class through presentations and projects. As a result, it is hoped that students learn how to integrate the pursuit of God into a variety of disciplines and careers.

#### *Outcomes:*

The primary purpose of this course is to understand that God has woven values into the fabric of the cosmos as well as into the hearts of the humans who inhabit it for the purpose of moral and ethical education. It is hoped that students and professor alike will acknowledge with humility and awe the responsibility that comes from being made in God's image. In this way, everyone emerges with a clearer understanding of God's mandate upon mankind to be his representative not only in evangelism but also in taking positive moral action in the name of Jesus against the physical and moral chaos in the world.



## Biology professor tracks creeping crawlers

DR. MIKE PLUMMER CAN'T remember a time when he wasn't fascinated by snakes, turtles and other creatures known in his profession as "herps." As a child, he roamed the woods of Alabama searching for creeping, crawling creatures that frighten most.

Not much has changed since his childhood days.

"My love for herps is something I haven't been able to shake," says Plummer, now a professor of biology. "Basically, I'm doing the same thing I did as a little kid; I just get paid for it now."

This spring marks the 11th year that Plummer and his students have worked on the Gin Creek turtle ecology research project, which utilizes a creek running through Searcy and the campus. Through their research, they hope to understand how populations of softshell turtles are structured in small urban streams and how human activities such as pollution and

habitat modification affect that structure.

Such studies are important, because in the last 10 years, Plummer says, less than 5 percent of published scientific papers have concerned urban species. Plummer has been invited to contribute a chapter describing his research for a new book, *Urban Herpetology: Ecology, Conservation and Management of Amphibians and Reptiles in Urban and Suburban Environments*, to be published in 2005 by the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles.

A recognized leader in the general field of herpetology, Plummer recently was appointed to the Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group of The World Conservation Union Species Survival Commission, headquartered in Berne, Switzerland.

This fall he will be on sabbatical to complete a research project on desert box turtles in southeastern Arizona. In this work, which began in 1997 with his last sabbatical and has continued each summer since, he collaborates with colleagues from the Sa-

vannah River Ecology Laboratory and graduate students from the University of Arizona.

Despite all of the professional accolades, Plummer prides himself most in his accomplishments as a professor and mentor. Though Harding is not primarily a research school, Plummer has made research with students his mission.

"I have always felt that research is essential for quality education in science," Plummer explains. "You don't just learn in the classroom; you learn by doing." His belief has been backed by The National Research Council, which has recently determined that biology students should be encouraged to pursue independent research as early as is practical in their education.

Many of Plummer's undergraduate students have conducted research, co-authored papers for scientific journals, and gone on to distinguished careers.

Two of his former students, Jo Goy and Dr. Nathan Mills, currently teach in the University's Biology Department. David Evans, former

Searcy mayor and current Arkansas legislator, worked as a part-time researcher radio-tracking turtles in Gin Creek.

"When I first started teaching here, there was little support for student research," says Plummer. "My mother was an ardent financial supporter of undergraduate research



at Harding." Friends and family established the Margaret M. Plummer Memorial Research Fund in 1998, after her death. Since then, many Biology Department alumni have contributed to the fund.

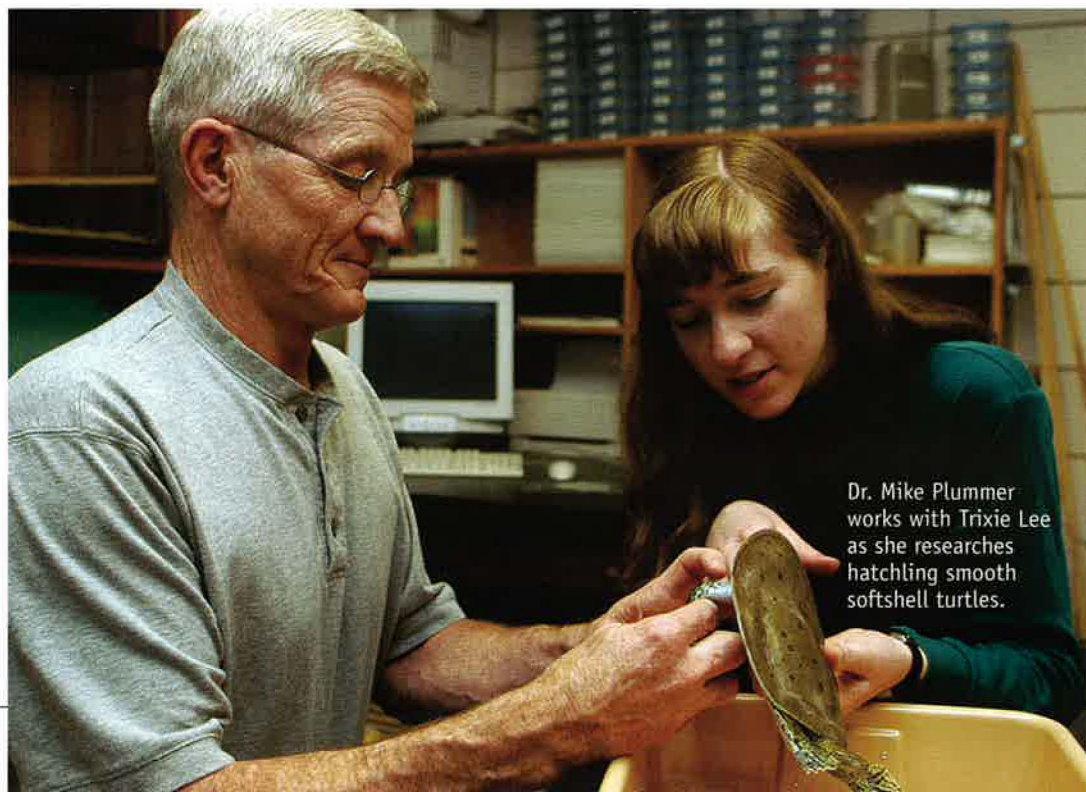
"This scholarship is unique because it is the only scholarship available strictly for research," Plummer explains.

Trixie Lee, a sophomore biology major from Crook, Colo., was named recently as the first recipient. Her study investigates the relationship among diet, yolk reserves and development of hatchling smooth softshell turtles. The eggs are collected from sandbars in the White River near Georgetown, Ark., and incubated in the laboratory. Like her mentor, she is making use of the world around her.

"We are not a major research institution, but I try to maintain research and make use of what is available," Plummer explains. "I have to be opportunistic in my pursuits. As long as there are students interested, I will find something here that allows them to do research."

For Plummer, research is an investigation with the basic goal of understanding how nature works.

"It's fantastic to find out and make discoveries about nature. The psalmist understood when he stated, 'Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who have pleasure in them.' That keeps me coming back."



Dr. Mike Plummer works with Trixie Lee as she researches hatchling smooth softshell turtles.





## Overcoming injury

*Baseball player Sean Camilleri rebounds from a fractured face*

By SCOTT GOODE, sports information director

INJURIES ARE COMMON IN BASEBALL. PITCHERS have problems with their throwing shoulder or elbow. Hitters often have strained muscles or the dreaded pulled hamstring. But junior outfielder Sean Camilleri suffered an injury more common in automobile accidents than on baseball diamonds.

Camilleri came to the University in the fall of 2001 from Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada, with fellow teammate Mike Davis. Davis' family knew of Harding from former Bison catcher Jeris Noye, also a British Columbia native. When head coach Shane Fullerton asked the Davis family if they knew of an outfielder that might be interested in playing college baseball in Arkansas, they suggested Camilleri.

"Harding's business school is one of the best in the nation," says Camilleri, a marketing major. "The baseball team was getting better every year, and I liked that I would be far enough away from home to test my independence."

In his freshman season, Camilleri had

an immediate impact. The left-handed hitter was second on the team with a .354 batting average and set Bison freshman records with a team-leading 15 doubles and 44 runs scored.

His 2003 season was not exactly what he had hoped for, mostly because of an unusual injury — his first. Early in the Gulf South Conference season, Camilleri moved back toward the outfield fence to catch a fly ball against Arkansas Tech University. He jumped and caught the two middle fingers of his right hand on the top of the fence, an injury that required stitches on the inside and outside of both fingers and hindered his ability to grip the bat comfortably.

"Sean had a really strong freshman year," says Fullerton. "He had a sophomore year that is typical of a lot of sophomores that have a good freshman year. He expected great things and put a lot of pressure on himself, which says a lot about his competitiveness in a positive way."

During the offseason, Camilleri was

determined to return to his freshman levels offensively. His hitting and defense during the fall practice season showed that he was back. Then came the day he will never forget.

The Bisons were playing their annual fall intrasquad series, and Camilleri was patrolling left field. A batter on the other team lifted a short fly ball over the infield. Camilleri came in as senior shortstop Ben Neely went out, both on an all-out sprint.

"It was one of those in-betweeners," Camilleri remembers. "It felt like we were both running forever. I laid out and remember seeing Neely lay out at the same time. That's all I remember. I was done."

The two collided with Neely's right shoulder hitting Camilleri's face. Neely's shoulder was badly bruised, but Camilleri's face was not so fortunate.

"When I first saw it happen, I knew it was serious," says Fullerton. "When I got out there, I really feared for him. I knew he was badly hurt. Everyone that saw the collision had the worst come to mind."

Athletic trainer Dr. Randy Lambeth was first on the scene.

"When I got there, Sean was unconscious and had blood coming from his nose," says Lambeth. "He came to and tried to get up and move around, but I kept him still and quickly determined he would need to be transported to the hospital."

"All I remember was that I woke up in the hospital," Camilleri says. "I was lying there on the bed with the neck brace on, and the doctors were doing a CT scan. I did a self-check to see if I could wiggle my fingers, but I could not talk to ask anyone if they could see if they were wiggling or not. At that point, I knew I was pretty seriously injured."

The doctors confirmed that Camilleri had fractured his face from cheekbone to cheekbone across his nose and around his right eye. His jaw was also broken. Camilleri had surgery soon after in which he had four titanium plates in-



Left fielder Sean Camilleri makes a throw during the doubleheader with Christian Brothers University April 9.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY JEFF MONTGOMERY





serted to hold his facial structure together. He also had to have his jaw wired shut for several weeks.

The good news for Camilleri was that he would be able to play again. But would he be the same player he was before the injury?

"I was pretty hesitant when I came back in the spring," says Camilleri. "But that went away fairly quickly."

Fullerton knew that Camilleri endured disappointments as he attempted his comeback.

"He could not swing or do anything for the longest time. He had to go through the frustration of just hitting off a tee, then hitting tennis balls in the batting cage just in case one came up and hit him in the face."

Finally the doctors said it was all right to play.

"When I was batting, I would bail out a little bit," Camilleri recalls. "They bought me a helmet with a face mask on it, but you think about what happened, and it is always in the back of your mind. I decided to wear the regular helmet, just like I had in the past."

And just as he had in the past, Camilleri hit.

Midway through conference play, Camilleri was the team's leading hitter, batting more than .370. Defensively, he started 26 of the team's first 29 games in left field and played flawlessly.

"Sean has been great for us this year. He is hitting the ball well consistently and has not shown any fear in the outfield," Fullerton says.

"Neely and I communicate a whole lot more on pop-ups now," Camilleri laughs. "We've agreed that if that play happens again, he will lay out, and I'll do a hook slide and hopefully go beneath him."

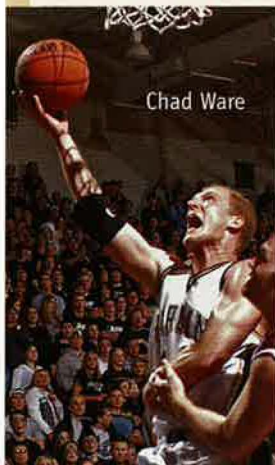
With his fingers sewn up and his face bolted back together, Camilleri can joke about his mishaps.

"I hope I never get injured again, but if I do, maybe it will be a normal baseball injury," he says. "Maybe I'll pull a hamstring." **H**

## ROUNDUP

### Men's basketball defeats ranked opponents

Three consecutive wins over NCAA II ranked teams highlighted the Bisons' 2003-04 basketball season. Needing victories over top contenders to be guaranteed a spot in their third straight Gulf South Conference Tournament, the Bisons pulled off wins over No. 11 Christian Brothers University, No. 19 Ouachita Baptist University, and No. 12 Henderson State University late in the season.



The Bisons completed the regular season with an 18-9 record and earned the No. 3 seed from the West Division at the conference tournament, where they lost a heartbreaker to the University of West Georgia 78-77.

Senior center Chad Ware earned West Division Player of the Year honors, averaging 19.8 points and 8.5 rebounds per game. He was also a first team All-South honoree and became the 28th Bison to score more than 1,000 points in his career. Forward Matt Hall earned West Division Freshman of the Year honors, averaging 13.3 points and 5.5 rebounds per game.

Three other seniors played key roles for the Bisons. Darren McCrillis averaged 11.0 points and a team-high 4.5 assists per game. Jay Brogdon earned his second Academic All-America honor and scored 6.6 points per game, and center

Yahaya Ibrahim averaged 3.4 points and 3.4 rebounds per game.

Head coach Jeff Morgan collected his 200th career coaching victory in the Bisons' win over Ouachita Baptist University.

### Injuries plague Lady Bison basketball

Before the season even started, the Lady Bison basketball team experienced setbacks. Within the span of a week, sophomore Chelsea Simpson and junior Elizabeth Woodroof both went down with season-ending knee injuries. The Lady Bisons still managed to win four of their first seven games, but then lost starting point guard Kendra Bailey for the season with a chronic knee problem.

As the injuries accumulated, so did the losses for the young team. The Lady Bisons struggled through the Gulf South Conference season and lost another team member, Betsy Glover, to yet another knee injury after only 15 games. The team finished at 5-22.

Tiffany Phillips, the team's lone senior, led the team in scoring with 13.1 points per game and rebounding with 5.3 per game. Freshman Laura Broadwater was the team's leader in assists, with 74, and steals, with 33.

### Six earn All-American honors at indoor nationals

All six athletes qualifying for the 2004 NCAA II Indoor Track and Field National Championship in Boston March 12-13 returned to Searcy with All-American honors.

Seniors Jacob Rotich and Janet Kogo Cherobon led the delegation with second-place finishes in their respective races at the Reggie Lewis Center. Rotich smashed the school record in the men's 5,000 meters, crossing the tape in 14 minutes, 10.76 seconds, while Cherobon broke her own school record in the 5,000 meters and ran the third-fastest time in NCAA II Indoor Nationals history at 16:34.51.

In the 5,000 meters, freshman Peter Kosgei had a sixth-place finish at 14:27.00, and senior Scott Wietecha had an eighth-place time of 14:29.34.

Freshman Przemek Bobrowski placed seventh in the mile with a time of 4:10.01, and senior Tyler Kemmerer finished eighth in the 400 meters at 48.98.

For the latest sports information, visit [www.harding.edu/athletics](http://www.harding.edu/athletics).





**Academic All-Conference honorees include:**

*Front row:* Nathan Moreland, Aaron Mitchell (football); Brooke Cockrell, Lyndsey Garnery, Lori Boren (soccer); Amie Morrison, Veronica Piech Chandler (volleyball); Janet Kogo Cherobon (cross country); Mitch Jones, Kyle Hinckley (soccer). *Back row:* Scott Dutile, Justin Beller (football); Jay Brogdon, Chad Ware, Darren McCrillis (basketball); Kyle Perkins (soccer); Maciej Miernicki, Reed Fisher (cross country).

# Playing smart

*Athletes set records on the field and in the classroom*

By SCOTT GOODE, sports information director

IT IS A PHILOSOPHY HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH Keith Giboney has ingrained in his players — keep the ball in play, force the other team to make mistakes, and when the opportunity arises, be aggressive and take advantage of the situation. Giboney calls it “smart volleyball.”

Whatever he calls it, it works. The Lady Bisons finished 30-9 overall, won their second straight Gulf South Conference West Division title, and upset eventual national champions University of North Alabama in the finals of the GSC Tournament to win the program’s first GSC championship and advance to their second straight NCAA II Tournament.

But for all their success on the court,

the team’s theory of “smart volleyball” begins in the classroom. Ten of the 13 Lady Bison players have cumulative grade point averages of more than 3.40.

“They do a great job of disciplining themselves to study and put in the time needed to succeed,” says Giboney. “Also, they are focused on grades. They want to compete and win on the court but know that volleyball is temporary, and education is for a lifetime.”

The Lady Bisons’ success in the classroom is no accident. The squad has a set of specific rules that keep players on top of their class work.

- The team has study halls each week.
- Players are required to meet each in-

structor personally and explain to him or her that they will have to miss class during the season.

- Players must sit in the first three rows of each class.
- Coach and players meet for progress reports.

Their quest for academic achievement has created some challenges. On a road trip a couple of years ago, the team had only two book lights that they could use to study. Team members began to argue over who got to use the lights, so Giboney bought the entire team their own book lights for the next trip.

Giboney sees a definite tie between smart players on the court and smart stu-



dents in the classroom. He has even made it part of his recruiting strategy.

"Smart players are also smart athletes. That helps greatly on the court," says Giboney. "We like having strong academic students in our program. If they have had academic success [in high school], it is likely that they will continue that success in college."

While the Lady Bison volleyball team may seem like an academic beacon in the athletic department, the truth is that the squad is just one of several teams that have learned to balance successfully the challenges of college athletics and academics.

After the fall athletic season, the University led the 17-member Gulf South Conference in both men's and women's all-sports points. The men's cross country team won their fourth straight conference championship en route to a school-record third-place finish at the NCAA II Cross Country National Championship, and the women's cross country team won their third straight South Regional championship and advanced to Nationals. The Lady Bison soccer team advanced to the GSC Tournament for the first time and finished with their highest regional ranking in the program's six-year history.

As impressive as those achievements are, the University's academic dominance among GSC schools is even more astounding.

Leading the conference, 74 Harding athletes that competed in the fall boasted a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher and earned spots on the GSC Fall Academic Honor Roll. That figure is nearly half of all Bison and Lady Bison athletes that competed in at least one game, race or match. No one else in the league even came close. Valdosta State University was second with 52, and the University of Central Arkansas was third with 48.

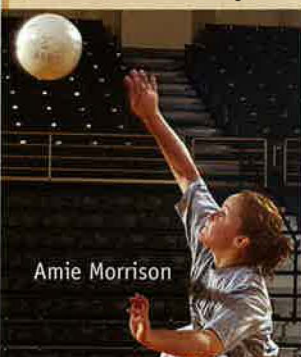
In the number of Academic All-Conference honorees, the distinction is even more dramatic. Sixteen Harding athletes received academic honors, by far the most in the conference. The next highest schools were Lincoln Memorial University and Southern Arkansas University, with six each. Central Arkansas and the University of Alabama-Huntsville both had five.

Following the tenets of "smart volleyball," student athletes in all sports are not just waiting for the opportunity; they are taking advantage of it, setting records in and out of the classroom. **H**

## A day in the life ...

By Friday, junior Amie Morrison is one weary girl. Her typical week consists of an 18-hour class load, along with volleyball practice every afternoon. A defensive specialist for the Lady Bisons, Morrison has stuck to this schedule for three years and depends on the routine to manage her academic and athletic commitments.

**8 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004.** Morrison, like most college students, is anticipating a weekend of sleep and relaxation. But today, like every other, she refuses to settle for mediocrity as a scholar or an athlete.



Propelled by a tremendous work ethic and a determination to conquer the world of academia, she hustles to get ready and is on her way to chapel minutes before 9.

By 9:45 a.m., she has trekked to the third story of the McInteer and is planted firmly in her seat ready for Bible class with Dr. Ken Neller. Morrison takes notes as the class considers the role of Christians in worship. The 75-minute lecture passes quickly for the captivated students.

Hustling down three flights, jaunting through the Student Center for a mail check, and racing across campus to geography class in the Ganus building, she slides into her seat only moments ahead of the bell. A quiz precedes an intense lecture by Dr. Eric Gross on the origins of Islam. Finally, freedom rings.

**12:25 p.m.** Arriving back at her dorm, she takes a short break to eat lunch. Over a bowl of macaroni and cheese, Morrison explains that her roommates are also her teammates. "We are very close and spend a lot of time together," she says. Her teammates' admiration and respect for her is reflected in being chosen team captain for next year.

She exhibits a strong discipline both on and off the court. Last season she set a single-season record of 707 digs and averaged 5.32 digs per game, ranking her in the NCAA II Top 10, and was awarded GSC All-Academic honors in 2002 and 2003.

Volleyball consumes the whole school year. The team arrives early in August to begin the preseason. Tournaments open the season, regular games keep the team on the road, and conference championships provide the finish. Although officially done by Christmas, the girls still meet every afternoon during the spring for offseason training.

As busy as it keeps her, she feels playing volleyball helps her manage her time more effectively. Morrison, an elementary education major, plans and works ahead so that her projects and portfolios don't spring up on her at the end of the semester.

Because of the academic-athletic awards the volleyball team has received, she admits to feeling pressure to keep up her grades. However, most comes from within for this scholar who admits to becoming "frustrated when I don't make straight A's."

"Amie is a true example of a student athlete," coach Keith Giboney says. "She works diligently to balance her duties as a Christian, student and athlete."

"Other players of the same position in our conference have named her as a player they want to be like. That is the ultimate compliment."

**1 p.m.** She is off again, this time to the American Studies building for a class on literacy with Dr. Clara Carroll. Morrison's eyes light up when she talks about teaching, and she quickly declares that she loves her education classes. When this class ends at 2:15, she is through with classes for the day and heads to the Rhodes Field House for practice.

The camaraderie of the team is obvious even as they work through agility drills. Once muscles ache, the girls stretch and play a game of 4-on-4. They keep playing until 4:30.

After practice, Morrison heads back to her dorm and gets ready for dinner with friends. They eat and arrive at the Rhodes in time for the Lady Bisons basketball game.

**6 p.m.** The next four hours fly by for Amie and her friends, as they cheer on the girls' and guys' teams with the Rowdies. The Bisons' game ends in victory, and the students head out, eager to use their last hour before curfew for further entertainment.

Next stop is a local diner where Amie and friends enjoy a late night snack while re-viewing the game and discussing topics that only a jukebox and festive meal can initiate.

**After curfew.** Back in her room, she prepares for Friday. Tonight is a rare occurrence; Morrison does not have much homework or studying, so she can relax and go to bed. She does, knowing that tomorrow morning she will wake up to do it all over again.

And this is just the offseason. **H**

— Jennifer Lashley



*Three military mothers*

*share struggles and fears*

*while their children are*

# serving our country

By JENNIFER LASHLEY

**R**EGARDLESS OF THE SHAPE AND SIZE OF THE STRUCTURE, the essential elements that define home remain constant: comfort, security and family.

To a soldier in a foreign land, never has home been so far away. To the mother of this soldier, never has home felt so empty. Each day, more than 7,000 miles across the globe, thousands of American service men and women in Iraq vie for phones, hopeful for just five minutes to speak with a loved one back home.

Denise Miller, Teresita Goss and Kathy Dillion are too familiar with the bittersweet feeling that lingers from one of those phone calls, the relief of hearing that familiar voice, the anxiety from wondering when or if they will hear it again. For Goss and Miller, the wait is over — at least for the time being. Their sons are home. But for Dillion, the wait has just begun.





Michael and Denise Miller

A mother does not lend herself to a juvenile fascination with war, one that sees uniforms en masse and forgets about the individuals underneath. She is the true patriot, looking beyond the hype, beyond the politics. She reads a list of casualties and thinks, "He was someone's son. She was a daughter. My child could be next."

Each day she copes with an intensely uncertain reality, attempting to reconcile conflicting feelings when facts change daily. She strives to remain supportive for her family while considering the possibility of losing a child. She struggles to keep her faith amid fears and doubts. But mostly, she waits.

### Denise and Michael Miller

DENISE MILLER ('74), DIRECTOR OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATION/student employment at the University, spent 11 months anticipating the homecoming of her son, Michael. A sergeant in the Army's 101st Airborne, Michael was deployed to Iraq in February 2003. For most of those months, he was stationed in the northern city of Mosul, where he served as a Chinook helicopter crew chief.

Michael's decision to enlist in the military came later than most. Now 28, Michael has been in the Army fewer than six years. His reason for joining was twofold. Not only did he desire to serve his country, but also he hoped to pay off school loans. Both Michael and Denise had accrued debt to help Michael through aeronautics school; joining the Army appeared to be a smart solution. Denise solidly supported his decision and admits that she was not too worried about deployment. At that time, she believed the world a relatively stable place.

Denise, Michael and Jennifer Miller ('00) Joyner, his younger sister, have always been a close family, perhaps even more so because Denise's husband, Harry ('73), died when the children were very young. "We grew up together in a sense," Denise says. "We've always shared a lot."

Before his tour in Iraq, Michael had already spent several months stationed in South Korea, which had accustomed his family to lengthy periods of separation. However, the Millers were not prepared for the lack of communication.

From Korea, Michael was able to contact home frequently, »



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HIS COUNTRY.”** *Teresita Goss*

but in Iraq, much less often. While his division used e-mail to write home, access to the Internet was “somewhat limited,” Denise says. “You can’t run down to Kinko’s and hook up to the Internet.” And unlike the United States, where almost everyone has his or her own computer, Michael shared access with the other 20,000 members of the 101st. As for the telephone, Denise says, “He would just call when he could.”

One of the most stressful times for the family during those 11 months was Jennifer’s November wedding. Though Michael could not be present, he managed to place a phone call in the middle of the ceremony. He was put on speakerphone and able to talk to both his sister and her groom. “It was just amazing how you could hear his voice,” Denise says, remembering with a smile. “It was almost as if he were right there.”

But every day was filled with little anxieties. Bombarded by news coverage, Denise often felt overwhelmed by what she saw and read. “In one sense, you wanted to listen for everything they [the media] had to say, and on the other hand, it scared you half to death,” she says. “They report all the negative things that happen and not necessarily any of the good things that happen.” She explains the cycle of emotion she experienced every time she heard of a helicopter shot down or a bomb detonating: “You worry first of all, if it’s your soldier. Then secondary, you feel for what those other people go through.”

Although Michael was overseas and Jennifer was in Houston, Denise was not alone. She credits the Barnabas class at College Church of Christ and her Harding family as being very supportive and encouraging. To cope with the uncertainty greeting her daily, she depended on “just being able to talk to friends and [have] them listen.”

And while her family has struggled through this separation,

upon reflection, they admit this experience has been faith building. “Knowing that so many people were praying for him helped keep us both sane,” Denise says. She recalls how much she appreciated being asked about Michael and advises other mothers not to be afraid to share what they are feeling with people. She remembers telling Michael, “You’re wrapped up in prayers all the time.”

Michael, who agrees that the prayers of friends and family gave him strength in intense situations, says, “You can’t help but grow from it.”

Upon his return to the United States Jan. 24, Michael was greeted by friends and family who had spent months praying for his safety. Denise remembers the evening clearly. “I have never really thought of planes as beautiful,” she wrote in an e-mail to her colleagues, “but that night, I did.”

For now, Michael continues to work on Chinook helicopters at Fort Campbell, Ky. He is uncertain of his plans after he fulfills his contract with the Army, but he says this experience has taught him that, “You take one day at a time.”

### **Teresita and Joshua Goss**

ONLY 20 YEARS OLD, LANCE CPL. JOSHUA GOSS CLEARLY EMBRACES many of the ideals taught by the Marines: honor, integrity and honesty. These are values he learned long before the military — he learned them at home.

His mother, Teresita, who was born and raised in Mexico, has lived in the United States for most of her life. She takes pride in the fact that she has spoken both Spanish and English to her children from the time they were born. Her husband, Noble, is an assistant professor of German and Spanish at the University. Together they raised Joshua and his three sisters, older twins Rubi and Teresita, and Estrellita, the youngest. No doubt, this bilingual, culture-rich atmosphere contributed to Joshua’s sense of adventure.

The journey began during his junior year of high school when Joshua realized he wanted to join the military. Attracted by the tough training and prestigious title, he chose the Marines Corps. His mother explains that, even as a young child, her son has always been determined and independent. Joshua agrees and says, “The Marines was just a natural extension of that.”

His mother has backed him from the beginning. “I think that he ought to be a good citizen for God’s kingdom as well as for his country,” Teresita says. “That is what God expects of him.”

She did not realize he would be expected to serve so quickly. Barely out of training, just six months after joining, Joshua was called to mobilize with the Third Battalion, 23rd Regiment, 4th Division at Twentynine Palms, Calif., to prepare for deployment. That day, March 5, 2003, is a day etched in Teresita’s mind.

This mother speaks earnestly of the months her son served



Joshua Goss patrols in Iraq as a member of the Third Battalion.

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Teresita and Joshua Goss

as an infantryman in Iraq, helping patrol the streets and maintaining some sense of order. For mother and son, the sparse communication proved most difficult to bear. With little Internet access and few phones among Joshua's battalion, Teresita was lucky to hear from her son every couple of weeks. Even then, the conversation was brief. "I think we had one satellite phone for our whole company, which is about 150 men," Joshua says. "So, it's just like, 'I'm alive. I love you. Goodbye.'"

LIKE DENISE, TERESITA ALSO FOUND TELEVISION COVERAGE HARD TO stomach. While she felt sick if she didn't watch the news, she could hardly bear turning it on. Her greatest ally during those months was prayer, and she spent countless hours on her knees, praying for her son, all the service men and women, and the Iraqi people. She remembers thinking she would give anything to suffer in his place. "I think that is the thought of every mother," she says.

Joshua's initial contract called for him to be gone at least a year. Surprisingly, he was home in September, seven months later, after a unit from the Ukraine replaced the Third Battal-

ion. The story of the Third Battalion is truly a miracle: Nine hundred Marines went to Iraq — 900 came home.

At his homecoming, Joshua was greeted not only by relatives and loved ones, but also with a banner his mother made, covered with signatures from people all around Searcy — from workers at the *Daily Citizen* and Searcy Police Department to Wal-Mart employees. That demonstration was just one way in which he has come to comprehend the extent of his mother's love. He admits that all the letters, care packages and prayers opened his eyes to how blessed he is. "I'd always kind of taken it for granted," he says. "I'm so privileged and lucky that I still have the same mom and dad that I've always had, especially ones that love me that much."

For Teresita, the joyful celebration was equally marked with the somber knowledge that not every mother would be so fortunate.

Since his return, Joshua has re-enrolled at the University and is working toward a degree in biology. His goal is to become a pediatrician, a goal intensified after witnessing war-ravaged children wading barefoot through sewage in Iraqi »

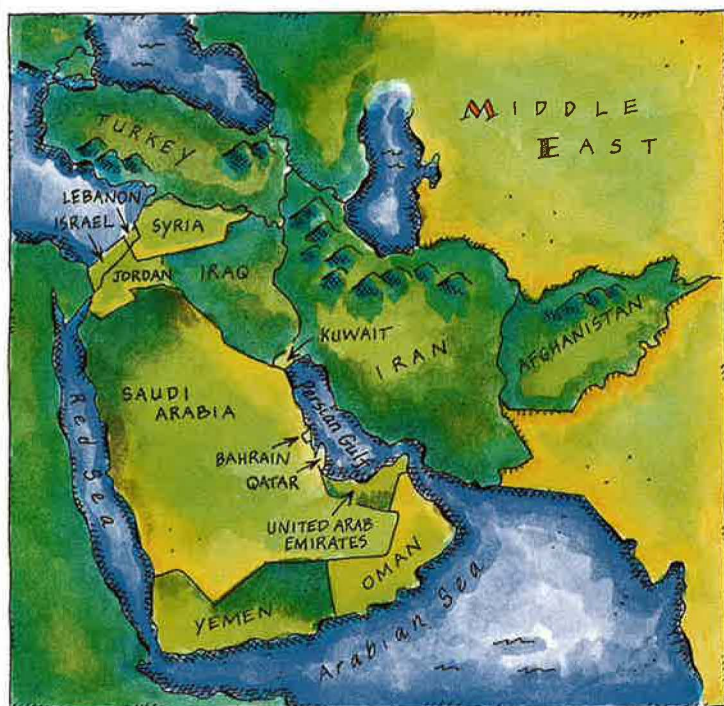


“I always feel like it  
**STRENGTHENS ME** because a lot  
of the **COMFORTS** are taken away.” *Jacqueline Dillion*

streets. Even with these images in mind, Joshua has no regrets. “I think it’s helped me to grow more as a man,” he says, “even more as a Christian man.”

While future deployments are uncertain, Joshua remains ready for any situation. “We’re training like it’s gonna be tomorrow,” he says.

His mother, however, does not like to dwell on that possibility. Once was enough. She finds the idea of him leaving again unthinkable. But she knows how blessed she has been by Joshua’s safe return and offers these words of comfort to parents in similar situations. “I would tell these mothers what I tell my son — no matter where I am or where I go, God is going to be with me. I think everything else is meaningless. That’s how it is to me.”



### Kathy and Jacqueline Dillion

KATHY DILLION ('78) REMEMBERS THE DAY HER HUSBAND, ROGER, left for the Gulf War. “We had this one day we all went to say goodbye,” she says. “It was 5 in the morning, which is a real eerie time anyway, and it felt so much to me like what I would have thought the Holocaust would have been — everybody’s crying. It was so gut wrenching to me.”

Her children were young: Jacqueline, 8; Grant, 5; and David, only 6 months old. “He was going into war — we didn’t know how that would turn out. There were all these families in these real bright fluorescent lights and this big room that was brick. And the thing that struck me was, ‘no more control.’”

That memory has stayed with Kathy over the past decade, making understandable her reaction to Jacqueline’s decision, at the age of 17, to join the Army National Guard.

While traveling home after a trip to Costa Rica five years ago, Kathy stopped at the Memphis, Tenn., airport to call home. “When I called, Jacqueline said, ‘I’ve decided to join the Army.’ I said, ‘No, I don’t want you doing that. No.’ She said, ‘I’ve pretty much decided,’ and I said, ‘Well, just wait till I get home, and we’ll talk about it.’”

But Jacqueline was determined to join the Guard. Growing up in a Christian home and well provided for, this intelligent, thoughtful young woman sought a challenge, a way to ensure that she did not embrace a “life of ease” mentality. Kathy realized her daughter was acting on values that she herself believed in, and so relented. She knew that if she refused to sign, her daughter would enlist when she turned 18, then only six months away. She says, “I went ahead and signed, not because I wanted to, but because I didn’t want it to come between us.”

Although the Beebe, Ark., unit Jacqueline joined, the 39th Infantry Brigade, seemed unlikely to be deployed, her mother reminded her how easily that could change. Thus, when the 39th was activated last fall, neither one was surprised. And though only two months away from college graduation, Jacqueline, now 22, says, “I was ready to accept it.”

ACCEPTANCE, RESPONSIBILITY AND A LOVE OF LEARNING CHARACTERIZE both mother and daughter. Both seek to explore new ideas and cultures — while Jacqueline is stationed in Iraq, Kathy will be doing research in Egypt this summer as part of her doctoral studies. Kathy, an English instructor at Harding, is working on her Ph.D. in Heritage Studies at Arkansas State University. Jacqueline, an English major, plans to complete her degree and attend graduate school. Both have participated in the University’s International Programs: Kathy taught in Florence; Jacqueline attended the program in London and will serve as an assistant to the director and adjunct for the fall 2005 semester. Neither are strangers to travel, but this time the distance seems more severe.

The 39th, now renamed the 39th Brigade Combat Team, has joined the First Cavalry Division and is working with units of the 1st Armored Division in Baghdad. Jacqueline, a specialist, attended military intelligence school during her training and works in the Tactical Operations Center, where the battles and communication strategies are planned. In addition to her military duties, she hopes to take an English class through independent study and may even work on a book. While her contract calls for at least a year’s deployment, a two-week furlough is available after six months.

Though stressful, Jacqueline says the experience has impacted her positively. “I think it has strengthened my relationship with my family,” she says. “I always feel like it strengthens me because a lot of the comforts are taken away, and there is a





Kathy and Jacqueline Dillion

shared goal of getting through the day and the assignments.”

Making this time more difficult is the fact that Jacqueline is not the only one away from home. Her brother, Grant, is a student at the University. Kathy and her youngest son, David, live in Jonesboro, Ark., during the week. On weekends, the family commutes home to Cabot, Ark., where her husband remains taking care of the house.

Kathy admits the past few months have been tough, “because there are five of us and we were always at home,” she says. “My home was very tight knit.” Complicating matters further was the number of times the family would prepare for Jacqueline to leave, only to be met by a delay in the deployment.

Focusing on her studies helps her cope. “I think if I weren’t absorbed in what I’m doing right now, I would have a lot more time to think about it and worry,” she says, and voices her concern over the treatment of service women in Iraq. She confesses that last semester “had the potential to destroy me,” especially when she heard the reports detailing the abuse Jessica Lynch endured. But she refused to be paralyzed with fear; instead, she says, “I have to press on.” That is exactly what

Jacqueline wants her mother to do, too.

Kathy admits that faith is a challenging subject right now. Although she appreciates friends who listen and the prayers of concerned individuals, she is frustrated when people offer quick, generic answers, such as “just pray, and everything will be fine.”

Prayer gives her some degree of comfort, but she knows that nothing is guaranteed. “You can pray and put it in God’s hand, and she can be killed,” she says. “That doesn’t mean that God doesn’t exist or that I didn’t pray; it just means that God doesn’t give us a guarantee. I can’t have that peace of mind and just say, ‘If I pray about it, everything’s OK.’ It’s OK in the ultimate sense, that yes, she would go to heaven, but I would still have to deal with the loss of my daughter.”

But Kathy presses on, delving into her studies and supporting her family. She hopes for a peace that will come eventually. She knows that if we live without worry, “How do we learn to trust?” And like Jacqueline, she tries to be positive. When this period of separation is over, she says, “I just hope that we’ll be stronger and appreciate each other more.” **H**

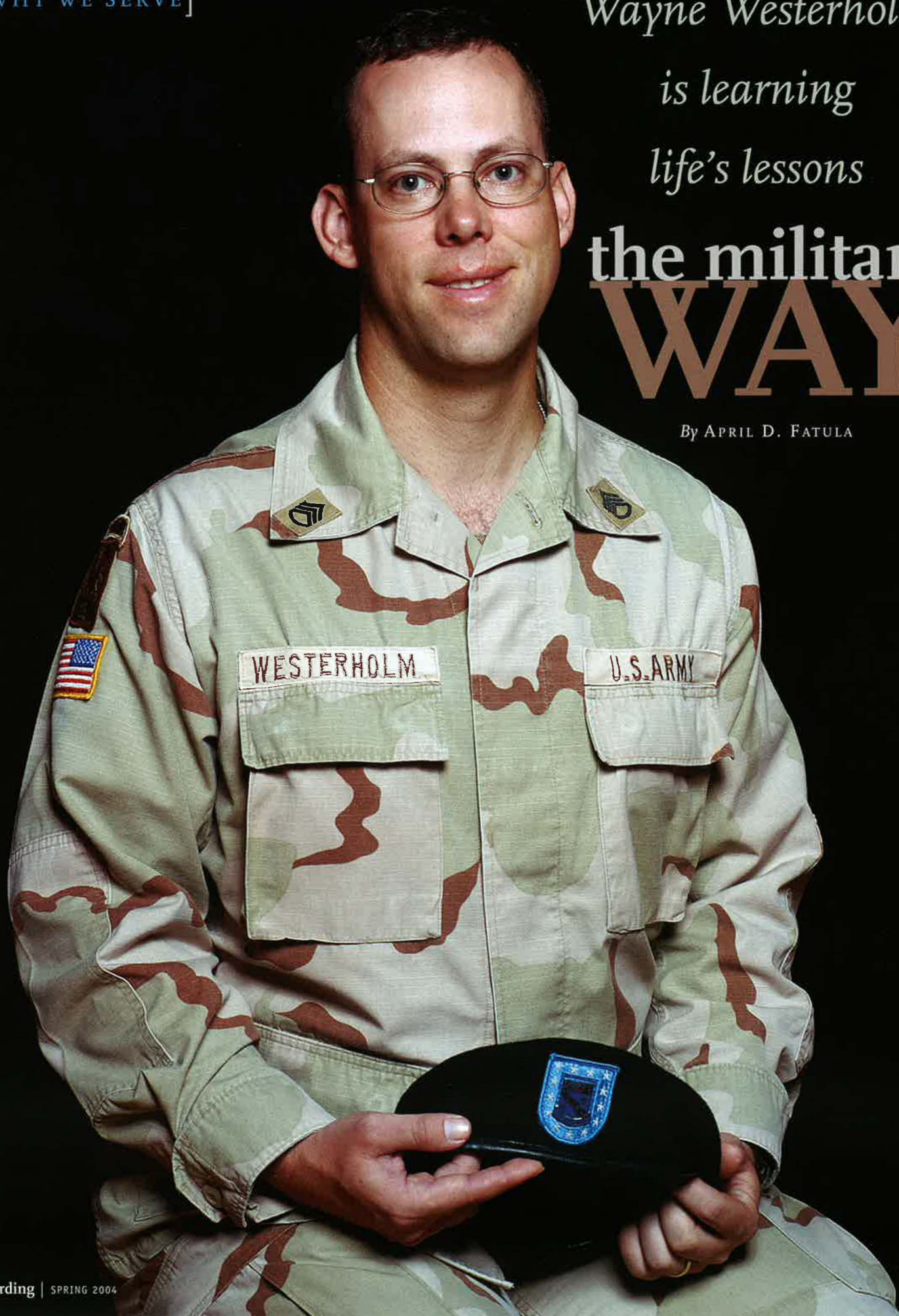


[WHY WE SERVE]

Wayne Westerholm  
is learning  
life's lessons

# the military WAY

By APRIL D. FATULA





**W**HEN WAYNE WESTERHOLM ('96) SIGNED UP for the Army in November of 1990, he was a restless on-and-off again college student looking for direction and adventure. "There was something about the military that intrigued me," he says. "I was lacking in self-discipline, and I thought this might be a good way to improve that."

He was ready to begin immediately, going to the Persian Gulf if necessary. But Desert Storm came and went in a matter of days in January 1991, before Westerholm had even started basic training. "I was kind of disappointed I missed that," he says.

But now, more than 13 years later, Westerholm has made a home in Searcy with his wife, Melissa, and their 5-year-old son, Andrew. In March he left for Iraq, his third deployment in five years. Although he maintains focus and a positive outlook, he is no longer in the Army for the express purpose of adventure.

In terms of drama, Westerholm's history of service has unfolded gradually, each mission a bit more intense than the previous. His first deployment was fairly uneventful; he spent three months in 1992 in Cuba supporting the Coast Guard's work with Haitian refugees. "We never had a problem with them," he says.

The next — a cleanup effort in Florida in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew — was more physically intensive. "That was a hard one," he says. "We were constantly dragging branches and trees."

That December, Westerholm's unit got word that Operation Restore Hope in Somalia was going to begin, so they prepared for deployment. Instead, in February 1993, he was deployed to Panama for jungle training. He ended up in Somalia in August and was working in the operation center listening to the radio on the now-famous day the Rangers were attacked. "I heard it all as it happened," Westerholm says of the events upon which the movie "Black Hawk Down" is based. "It was strange listening to it."

The next year, rather than re-enlist, Westerholm left active duty. He received his dismissal less than two weeks before classes were to start.

"When I came back, I had been gone four years, so there was a whole new cycle of students." Since he did not know many people, he kept himself occupied by continuing his physical training. After an early dinner, he spent one and a half

to two hours each evening running, doing crunches and sprinting.

He was now determined to complete his degree, an attitude he did not have when he first began classes at the University. He had also formed some opinions about marriage and family and how the two would or would not coincide with military life. Although he would not meet Melissa for another two years, Westerholm says, "I realized very quickly that you couldn't have any kind of family life in the infantry because you're in the field too much. I saw a handful, just a few families who were able to survive the process. There were lots of stories of unfaithfulness, and I saw more failures than successes."

BUT ARMY LIFE WAS not out of his system entirely. "I knew there was a guard unit nearby," he says. "As soon as I left active duty, I got in touch with a recruiter. I really enjoyed the military; I didn't want to get away from it completely. After three years of duty, you still have the walk, and the discipline is instilled in you. I was told that I marched to class."

When Westerholm reflects on his original decisions to enlist in the Army and then to join the National Guard, he says they were the right ones. "It was a brand new start for me. I became a completely different person. I had low self-esteem, and the military is probably the best thing I've done in terms of building myself up."

That is not to say there have been no regrets. "Time with family is the biggest sacrifice," he says. Westerholm's deployment to Kuwait in 1999 took him from his new son, Andrew, just five days after he was born. "By the time this is over, he'll be about 6, and I'll have been away for about half of his life. That's the hardest part."

He says it has also been trying for Melissa. "She has had to face a lot of difficult situations on her own. She understands why I'm doing this. She doesn't like it, but she knows something positive

will come out of it."

It is with such pragmatism that Westerholm approaches his current mission. "By the time this is over, I'll have 14 years of service, seven of which are active duty," Westerholm explains. "Retirement is at 20 years. I'm too close to throw it away."

"When you sign up for the National Guard, you sign up for state or federal missions. A lot of guys who sign up are not counting on getting a federal mission."

The activation of Reserve units after Sept. 11, 2001, for example, came as a surprise to some, but not to Westerholm. "We knew something would come out of it," he says. "Because of the nature of the attack, we knew the United States would do something." For him, the surprise came from picking up the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* newspaper one Sunday the next month to learn that his unit was going to be deployed to Mt. Sinai, Egypt.

It turned out to be, as Westerholm says, "a pretty good deployment." He says his faith deepened as he saw living proof that God had been there taking care of and providing for the Israelites in the barren land thousands of years ago.

He sees the same potential for strengthening his faith in Iraq. "I'm looking forward to going to a biblical site — a place where not many people have the opportunity to go — and being able to see the region from a biblical perspective," he says.

In a matter of a few years, Westerholm has learned lessons that some people spend their whole lives not knowing. Facing him right now is the fact that some parts of the job — any job — are more pleasant than others. But this mission is part of his job, and he is determined to make the best of it. "The military teaches you to be flexible, adapt and overcome," he says. "That's the way I've gone into missions. It's a life lesson too. You have to come up with different plans and be flexible. You can't get worked up because things don't go the way you want." **H**



*Patt Cope  
draws from  
her personal  
experience with  
WAR*

By APRIL D. FATULA

CURRENT EVENTS OFTEN PROVIDE an easy way for students to sidetrack the classroom subject. Since images of the war-torn Middle East dominate much of the daily print and broadcast news, that subject is the obvious digression for

Patt Cope's ('78) students in Kensett, Ark.

Cope, who served in the Persian Gulf War, is willing to talk about her experience to anybody who wants to listen. Like any good educator, she takes advantage of these teachable moments. "Since it's in the news, they are a lot more interested in knowing," she says of her seventh through 12th-grade students.

"They'll say things like, 'I saw it on TV last night; it was nothing but dirt; is it really like that over there?'"

"I try to tell them what blessings they have here. Sometimes they get it, sometimes they don't."

A teacher who practices what she preaches, Cope frequently counts and names the blessings she experienced when her National Guard unit was mobi-

lized in November 1990 for what turned out to be a four-month tour in Saudi Arabia. She was with the 148th evacuation hospital unit stationed in the psychiatric ward of a non-mobile hospital in Al Qaysomah. At the time, she was again a student at the University working toward the master's degree in education with an emphasis in social studies.

"I WAS BLESSED with excellent cooperation from the school," she says. She finished all of the courses she was enrolled in while she was in Saudi Arabia except for one research course, which she completed the summer she returned. "They were very supportive," she says of University professors and administrators. "My supervisor in Saudi Arabia monitored my tests and signed off, sealed the

envelope up, and mailed it back here."

Besides her education, Cope says everything about life as she knew it was interrupted when her unit was deployed. "At the time, Margie Boersma ('81) was my roommate. I turned over everything in my life to her — my pet, my bills, my bankcard, my house. I was so blessed to have Margie as a friend, that she was able and willing to do all that. Things in my life went on hold, but they didn't completely stop. That's a good thing to know when you go away — you have a home to come back to."

Of course, neither Cope nor her fellow Guard members knew exactly what kind of homecoming to anticipate. "I grew up during the Vietnam era," Cope explains. "I saw on TV the way the troops were treated abusively by people in America."



Patt Cope (above) wears all her military garb while stationed at a non-mobile hospital in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

A teacher with Riverview Schools near Searcy, Patt Cope (right) is often asked questions about the unrest in the Middle East.







But their reception upon arrival in the United States via Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts quickly eliminated those doubts. "People we didn't know lined up to greet us, to say, 'thank you,'" she recalls. "I don't know anyone who felt unsupported when they returned."

Cope believes that same level of support exists for the troops now involved in the war in Iraq. "I think by and large America supports the soldiers and realizes they have a job to do," she says. "The soldier and politics were held in one package in Vietnam. The distinction is made now."

Though the atmosphere was much more hostile toward the military during Vietnam, Cope says she was ready to join right out of high school, which would

have put her right in the middle of the conflict. Her parents insisted she wait. "I joined the National Guard for the benefits, [but] mostly for my sense of patriotism," she says. "I always wanted to be in the military. I just wanted to serve this nation. It's blessed me."

SHE TRIES TO PINPOINT more specifically what drew her to the military, saying, "You know that what you do, everyone around you depends on. You know how you fit together." And, she says, "There's a camaraderie civilians just don't know much about."

Relationships are obviously of great importance to Cope. While she admits that, upon her return, she "wanted to come in close contact with indoor plumbing," she also says, "To reconnect

with family and friends was more important than to eat some certain food."

Her caring nature fit well with her assignment in Saudi Arabia. "My job was stress management," she says. "I worked with people who were having trouble finding ways to cope with where they were. Sometimes it was as easy as a hot bath or a hot meal."

That compassion now extends to her students. She says that when she was in Saudi Arabia, "I always knew I'd be back here safe. I never had doubt. It was the hand of God. My sense of security had a calming effect on the people I served with."

Although her students sometimes just want to avoid a math lesson, they also need and benefit from that sense of security. **H**



# Making the pieces FIT

By TODD RAMSEY

*Jacob Shock sorts fragments of an ancient puzzle in Egypt*

**I**MAGINE TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER A PUZZLE, but there is no box top or original picture to compare, and there are about 10,000 pieces from which to choose, all ranging in size from a couple of centimeters to half a meter. Essentially this is how Jacob Shock ('01) spent his Christmas break. While most people were exchanging gifts and singing carols, Shock was in Luxor, Egypt, assisting in the reconstruction effort of an ancient tomb.

Shock is in his second year of the graduate program in the Art History Department at the University of Memphis, specializing in ancient Egyptian history. Shock has always had a fascination with ancient civilizations, including, but not limited to Egypt. He ended up in the Egyptology program at Memphis because of Janet Fortner, associate professor of history at Harding, who drove him to pursue further studies and initially introduced him to the program.

"I spent a lot of time in 'what am I going to do with the rest of my life' counseling sessions with her and her husband, Dr. [John] Fortner," Shock explains. "That was when she recommended the University of Memphis."

Through his instructors in the Memphis program, he was invited to spend two weeks preserving a piece of ancient history. "I was very lucky to be chosen for this program," Shock said. "I've always wanted to go to Egypt, and even though it was during the holidays, it was too great of an opportunity to pass up."

While in Egypt, Shock and his team worked on the reconstruction of the tomb of Harwa, a priest from late antiquity. Even though Harwa was not royalty, Shock says the excavation of his tomb is still of great importance. "Every

tomb is significant, no matter how big or small the person was, because in every tomb, palace or hole that we open up, there is a chance to learn about the material culture. This is especially true in a tomb, because you get to learn about their culture from a religious standpoint as well."

THE TOMB WAS DISCOVERED IN 1995, but 2,500 years of gravity had taken its toll, and much of the decoration had fallen off the walls. The team that discovered the tomb cleared away the debris, created a grid, and placed all of the fallen wall decorations in boxes according to the section of grid from which they were taken. Shock spent two weeks sorting through the boxes, cataloging and organizing the individual pieces. "We took out one box at a time containing tens of thousands of pieces and tried to put a giant jigsaw puzzle together," he says. "We labeled every single piece that we took out of the box and organized them based on size, color and decoration. It's just like when you open a jigsaw puzzle and you group the edge pieces together. However, this puzzle is a little more difficult because it has thousands and thousands of pieces."

"We're very lucky though," Shock confesses. "Unlike most tombs, we actually have all of the pieces. Unfortunately, this type of reconstruction could take 20 years or





Jacob Shock

so. A lot of tombs have nothing left, so Harwa's tomb is special, because while nothing is as it was, we still have all the pieces."

While Shock does not intend to continue the excavation, he knows that this experience will greatly contribute to whatever he decides to do. "I hope to continue my studies, but I'm not sure what path that will take me on," he says. "I love Egyptology, but have not yet limited myself to that for the rest of my life. I feel that the groundwork that I'm getting here at Memphis would also serve well in Near Eastern, or what one might call Old Testament studies."

One of Shock's long-term goals is to clarify a few mysteries of the Old Testament. "While most people have a fairly good grasp on many of the cultural issues surrounding the first century and the Roman Period, on a whole, our perception of Old Testament culture is less complete," he says. "My goal is to help bridge the gap between our world and that of the Ancient Near East, in hopes that one

day it will be as widely studied and as clearly understood as that of the Roman Empire."

In the meantime, Shock works part time with the Biblical Resource Center and Museum in Collierville, Tenn., directed by Don Bassett ('72), a graduate of the Harding University Graduate School of Religion. Bassett is a biblical scholar who has spent his career trying to unravel many of these mysteries through personal research and travel to the lands described in the Bible. Through the BRC, the public has access to his career of research and the opportunity to explore the backgrounds of the biblical literature.

Says Shock, "That's the kind of work I want to have accomplished in the end: to make this book [The Old Testament] a little more comprehensible. The only way that will happen is through dedicated scholarship in a variety of fields. Hopefully my studies in Egyptology will contribute to this end." **H**





# Connections

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## 1939

**Helen Mattox Young** and her late husband, Dr. M. Norvel Young, have been honored by Pepperdine University, which named the new graduate school of education and psychology building after them. Helen, an alumna of the first graduating class of George Pepperdine College, is a Life Regent of Pepperdine. She founded the Associated Women of Pepperdine and was selected in 1992 as California Mother of the Year by American Mothers Inc. She is active on the board of directors of the Los Angeles Union Rescue Mission. (24420 Tiner Court, Malibu, CA 90265)



## 1944

**Platinum Circle**  
Reunion at Homecoming 2004

## 1954

**Golden Circle**  
Reunion at Homecoming 2004

## 1959

Reunion at Homecoming 2004

## 1960

**Juanita Lawrence Davis**, formerly a middle school counselor, was honored upon her retirement for 39 years of service to school and community by the Orange County Counseling Association. She has two sons. (1110 Martin Blvd., Orlando, FL 32825)

## 1964

Reunion at Homecoming 2004

## 1968

**Henry S. "Bucky" Hendrix** retired from the St. John's County Tax Collector's Office in 1998 on permanent disability. (1845 Old Moultrie Road, #69, St. Augustine, FL 32084)

## 1969

Reunion at Homecoming 2004

**Darrell Chitty** was awarded Louisiana Professional Photographer of the Year by the Professional Photographers of Louisiana Inc. Additionally, Chitty won top honors in three categories: Best Portrait of a Child, Man or Woman; Illustrative Photography; and the Fuji-

film Professional Imaging Award for the Masterpiece division. His wife is **Nona Tate**. (7900 E. Texas, Bossier City, LA 71111)

## 1974

Reunion at Homecoming 2004  
**Gail Welker Miller** was promoted to associate professor of biology at

York College. Her husband, **Ray** ('73), is professor of chemistry and chair of the natural sciences and mathematics division at York. They have two children. (1026 Grant Ave., York, NE 68467)

## 1976

**Floyd Lord** and his wife, **Jane Tullis** ('63), have retired. They have three children. (505 Wood Place, #1103, Everett, WA 98203)

## 1977

**Cathy Lott McLain** received her master's in nursing/family nurse practitioner degree from DeSales University in Center Valley, Pa. She is married to **Billy**. (20 S. Church St., Nazareth, PA 18064)

## 1979

Reunion at Homecoming 2004  
**Kim Fielder Woods** was honored in the spring of 2003 as Middle School Teacher of the Year at David Lipscomb Campus School. Her husband, **Art** ('83), is director of development for AGAPE. They have three sons. (300 W. Fork Court, Nashville, TN 37220)

## 1980

**Gail Gregg** recently became principal of Abilene Cooper High School. His wife, **Joan Hogg** ('79), is a third-grade teacher. They have three children. (6317 Live Oak Trail, Abilene, TX 79606)

## 1981

**Paul Fike** received his D.Min. from Abilene Christian University in May 2003. He and his wife, **Lynne Beeson**, have two children. (131 VZCR 4200, Canton, TX 75103)

**Melinda Holliman** teaches autistic and asperger children in the special education program at Southaven Elementary School. Her husband, **Jim** ('79), is disabled. (315 Commissary Road, Olive Branch, MS 38654)

## 1982

**Harold G. Franklin** recently retired from Life University as fleet manager for the public safety and police department. He is an elder at Yucca Valley Church of Christ and a chaplain for the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. He and his wife, Rita, have eight children. (P.O. Box 3155, Landers, CA 92285)

## 1984

Reunion at Homecoming 2004  
**Craig Baugh**, a senior intelligence

## ALMA MATTERS

### Networking 101: A course for the entire Harding family

By LIZ HOWELL, director of alumni relations

For seniors and recent graduates, networking is an important aspect in finding a job. Older alumni have learned that networking is a lifelong art that continues to be the lifeblood of survival in the business world.

Networking 101 is a new program begun to help students decide on a career path or assist new graduates in finding jobs by networking with Harding alumni and friends. We have been helping students network informally for years through the Alumni Office by connecting students with people throughout the country. These volunteers serve as advisers, brainstorming about possibilities in the local job market as well as offering advice concerning relocating to the specific area.



Liz Howell

One of the mission statements of the President's Council concerns assisting new alumni in the pursuit of their first job after graduation. By matching a student with a Council member in the same field or profession, networking is being taken to a new level. Additionally, the Advancement Office has started Business Card Lunches to help expedite Networking 101.

Church families are also great places to network. This is a win-win situation for everyone because the new graduate gets a job, and the congregation gains a new member.

The power of the Harding alumni network was recently demonstrated at the American Studies Distinguished Lecture Series in Dallas in February. The event-organizing committee networked with business contacts for corporate sponsorships and showcased their alma mater to nearly 500 people who attended a dinner with Gen. Tommy Franks. The committee, consisting of **Dane Altman** ('77), **Brant Bryan** ('77), **Byron Carlock** ('84), **Dave Finley** ('89), **Diane Reynolds** ('76), **Hopson**, **Mark Miller** ('78), **Kay Wilson** ('81), **Redding** and **Doug Walker** ('78), represented some of the best and brightest alumni who are also good friends of the University.

The University is blessed to have enthusiastic alumni throughout the world. These alumni volunteer to host Bison Bashes, which pass the torch to new students, or host receptions to introduce their alma mater to friends who may financially support the University's mission. Let us know if we may assist you with your career path or if you would like to be involved with Networking 101 as a mentor by contacting me at (800) 477-4312 or by e-mailing [lhowell@harding.edu](mailto:lhowell@harding.edu). **H**



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW? ... BOYD JONES 1980

### "Fill the void — vote for Boyd"

Students on campus in the spring of 1979 may remember the campaign slogan of Boyd Jones, then running for S.A. secretary.

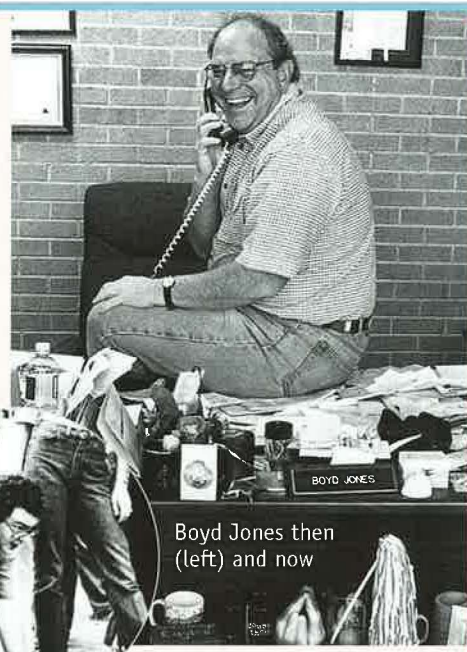
Jones, who majored in journalism and public relations, was active in numerous organizations. The *Who's Who* nominee was a member and officer of Knights social club, the *Bison* staff, Campus Players and the public relations club, to name a few.

More than 20 years later, he is still active on a college campus, now as campus programs director in the Department of Student Affairs at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C. Jones coordinates events from lectures, debates and freshman orientation to concerts, drive-in movies and comedies. A strong believer that "you learn in so many ways besides sitting in the classroom and taking notes," his goal

is to provide students with culturally and socially enriching experiences.

He is a recipient of several awards from the National Association for Campus Activities and the Association for Promotion of Campus Activities, as well as a member of the *Campus Activities* Hall of Fame. In 2001, the APCA named their top programming award the Boyd Jones Campus Activities Programming Board of the Year Award, a further testament to Jones' endless commitment to expanding the minds of students.

The student activities profession is a time-consuming job, so much that most move on after a few years to escape the seemingly endless hours. But Jones, completing his 23rd year of service, looks forward to each new day because, as he



Boyd Jones then (left) and now

says, "I really do thoroughly enjoy college students."

And as for that S.A. election — he won. **H**

— Jennifer Lashley

officer with the Defense Intelligence Agency, received the Silver Honor Cross of the Bundeswehr for duties performed during the past two years supporting the agency's exchange program with the German military. Craig and his wife, Nancy, attend Fredericksburg Church of Christ. (308 Battleship Cove, Stafford, VA 22554)

**Charles Dupre** recently received his M.Ed. from the University of Houston. He is the chief financial officer and associate superintendent for Fort Bend Independent School District. His wife, **Seeju Merritt** ('86), is a freelance artist and interior designer. They have two sons. (4619 Willow Pond, Sugar Land, TX 77479)

### 1988

**Janna Wharton Bender** was promoted to senior secretary for Huntington Investment Co. She and her husband, Scott, have a son. (901 Leland Ave., Columbus, OH 43214)

### 1989

#### Reunion at Homecoming 2004

**Mark Sartin** is a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves and is currently serving in Iraq. He and his wife, **Penny Treat**, have four sons. (516 Armstrong Drive, Belton, TX 76513)

**Beth (Quillaine) Stevens Wade** is a title examiner for Commonwealth Land Title. She and her husband, Tony, have a daughter. (2073 Davis Drive, Fairfield, CA 94533)

### 1990

**Phillip B. Tucker** is production manager of *Vanderbilt Magazine* and editor of the *Peabody Reflector* alumni magazine at Vanderbilt University. He recently was elected to the board of directors of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Tennessee chapter and is serving as chair of the foundation's 2004 Nashville Great Strides Walk, which benefits cystic fibrosis research and statewide care centers. (4015 Ivy Drive, Nashville, TN 37216)

### 1992

**Barry Wingfield** is working as a project coordinator in the regional programs department for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. He is an Arkansas LPC and LMFT with a specialization in supervision for both licenses, an AAMFT clinical member, and a member of the American Association for Christian Counseling. He maintains a part-time private practice and also teaches psychology at Pulaski Technical College. He and

his wife, **Alicia Woodell**, will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary in July. They have three children. (47 Perin Road, North Little Rock, AR 72116)

### 1993

**Jennie Overman Datta** graduated from Robert Morris University in December 2003 with a M.S. in communication. She is a senior software engineer for CTG. Her husband, **Aveek**, is a project manager for IBM. (129 Walnut Strand, Imperial, PA 15126)

**Clif Mims** recently completed his Ph.D. in instructional technology at the University of Georgia. He is an assistant professor of elementary education at the University of Mississippi. He and his wife, **Kristi Wood** ('96), have two children. (132 Oakleigh Drive, Batesville, MS 38606)

### 1994

#### Reunion at Homecoming 2004

**Chris Steele** was named the Patrol Officer of the Month for the metropolitan Nashville Police Department. His wife, **Poppy O'Guin**, is a teacher at Columbia State Community College. They have two daughters. (2148 Hill Cemetery Road, Lewisburg, TN 37091)

### 1996

**Teresa Sparks** received her J.D.

from Florida Coastal School of Law in December 2003. She works for the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration. (3510 Twisted Tree Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32216)

### 1997

**Tony Hutchison** is a youth minister for Pitman Creek Church of Christ. His wife, **Jenny Grassl** ('99), is a student at Texas Woman's University. (1815 W. 15 St., Plano, TX 75075)

**Mike A. Salza** received a M.S.W. degree from Colorado State University. He is a medical social worker for Banner Health Systems. His wife, **Shellie Morris** ('98), is development director for Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center. (133 Second St., Fort Collins, CO 80524)

### 1999

#### Reunion at Homecoming 2004

**Alexander Ivannikov** has been promoted to international sales manager for Tyson Foods Inc. (3499 Torrey St., Springdale, AR 72762)

### 2000

**Joshua Keene** is working for CASA of Northeast Louisiana Inc. as director of program administration. He serves as a board member for Children's



Coalition of Northeast Louisiana and as a member of the legislative/data team for Louisiana CASA. His wife, **Heather Shipman**, is a student at Louisiana Tech University. They have a son. (111 Alexander Road, #6, West Monroe, LA 71291)

**Wendi Keller Sisson** was promoted to senior system programmer for FedEx. Her husband, **Ron** ('98), is head wrestling coach and assistant junior high football coach at Harding Academy and youth minister at Park Avenue Church of Christ. (5267 Park Ave., Memphis, TN 38119)

## 2001

**Kristi K. Means** received her M.S.W. from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She works for the Northwest Regional Hospice Center in Minden, La., as a medical social worker. (1820 E. Kings Highway, #37, Shreveport, LA 71105)

**Brad Whinery**, a third-year medical student at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, is the first recipient of the Dr. John P. McDaniel Memorial Scholarship. He was selected based on his academic standing and desire to practice family medicine. His wife is **Kristi Smith**. (316 Elwood Drive, Edmond, OK 73013)

**Katie Tool Wasson** is a junior

high teacher for Children's Christian School. Her husband, **David** ('02), is a youth and family minister for Southside Church of Christ. (9425 Riverside Drive, #422, Sandy, UT 84070)

## 2003

**Amy Elliott** is a family and consumer sciences teacher for Calico Rock High School. (HC 79 Box 135A, Calico Rock, AR 72519)

## Marriages

**Danielle Rubin** ('00) to Jesús Franco, Feb. 16, 2002. (58 Fountainhead Court, Martinez, CA 94553)

**David Angel** ('96) to **Elizabeth Garner** ('98), Feb. 22, 2002. (13616 Woodbrook Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211)

**Jonathan Gorham** ('01) to **Jennifer Hutchinson** ('00), July 13, 2002. (732 Benedetti Drive, #109, Naperville, IL 60563)

**Natalie Herndon** ('96) to Jeffrey Howard, Aug. 24, 2002. (1063 Poplar Blvd., #1, Jackson, MS 39202)

**Cheree Voyles** ('02) to Daniel Moore, Dec. 16, 2002. Cheree is a graphic designer with Identity Group. (635 W. Ninth St., Cookeville, TN 38501)

**Ron Turner** ('90) to Kimberly Rae

Dashner, March 10, 2003. (3218 Julia Court, Lakeland, FL 33810)

**Jamie McCracken** ('00) to Justin Lovitt, April 26, 2003. (636 Hill Ave., Decatur, AR 72722)

**Ethan Tanksley** ('02) to **Tricky Tarole** ('02), May 17, 2003. Ethan is a youth minister at Groton Church of Christ, and Tricky is an art teacher at Ledyard Middle School. (2 Winthrop Road, Gales Ferry, CT 06335)

**Wes McCown** ('01) to **Amy Cox** ('98), May 24, 2003. Wes is an accountant for PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Amy is a dietitian consultant. (14332 Montfort, #11308, Dallas, TX 75254)

**Kelly Averitt** ('96) to Brandon Hoyt, May 31, 2003. (691 Laurel Court, #204, Orlando, FL 32825)

**Jennifer Klinger** ('00) to Geoffrey Menk, June 7, 2003. (1325 Lucerne Drive, Menasha, WI 54952)

**Seth Patterson** ('02) to **Brittney Allison** ('02), June 7, 2003. Seth is an account executive for AirBand Communications, and Brittney is an accountant for Galderma Laboratories. (650 Vista Ridge Mall Drive, 1114, Lewisville, TX 75067)

**Ashley Clements** ('98) to Richard Dumas, June 14, 2003. (613 Wheatfield Court, Nashville, TN 37209)

**Kyle Laws** ('99) to **Alison Johnson** ('03), June 14, 2003. (4700 N.

22nd St., #G9, Ozark, MO, 65721)

**Chris Baker** ('97) to Elizabeth Humphrey, June 21, 2003. (619 College St., Shreveport, LA 71104)

**Andrew Scharff** ('02) to **Robin Marshall** ('02), June 21, 2003. Both are teachers with Cy-Fair Independent School District. (11220 West Road, #524, Houston, TX 77065)

**Sherry Davis** ('76) to Kenneth Charles, July 5, 2003. (411 Shearwood Forest Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330)

**Krista Roman** ('00) to Michael Phelps, July 27, 2003. (3805 County St., Portsmouth, VA 23707)

**Larena Baum** ('01) to Joseph Jones, Aug. 2, 2003. (4856 Madyson Ridge Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76133)

**Joseph Moore** ('96) to Nikki Pasley, Aug. 2, 2003. (1004 N. Holly St., Searcy, AR 72143)

**Dennis Dyes** ('91) to Patricia, Aug. 23, 2003. (1031 Nagia Court, Fenton, MO 63026)

**Ryan A. Myers** ('98) to Aimee Buchanan, Aug. 30, 2003. (5141 Hilson Road, Nashville, TN 37211)

**Rex Reeves** ('01) to **Stephanie Davis** ('00), Sept. 13, 2003. (601 Napa Valley, #428, Little Rock, AR 72211)

## PROFILE: ERIC MYERS 1992

### Catch Eric Myers and the Austin Wranglers Sunday afternoons on NBC

While many fresh-faced college graduates leave school clutching a diploma and wondering what they will do with their degree, Eric Myers knew he wanted to be an athletic trainer for a professional sports team.

Now, 12 years later, working as the athletic trainer for the AFL Austin (Texas) Wranglers, Myers is fulfilling his vision. He assumes all responsibility for the medical needs of the team, from rehabilitating players and teaching preventative measures to scheduling doctor's appointments.

The road to Austin proved to be adventurous and educational for Myers. After graduating from the University with a degree in biology, he attended physical therapy school at the University of Oklahoma. Upon completion, he and his wife, Jennifer Manry ('92), moved to Fayetteville, Ark., where Myers gained experi-

ence as a therapist at Washington Regional Medical Center. But Huntsville, Ala., is where he succeeded in obtaining his athletic training certification while interning with minor league hockey and baseball teams. Four years with Huntsville's Tennessee Valley Vipers preceded the move to Austin.

Throughout his journey to the AFL, Myers followed God's lead. "I see this as my mission field," he says. In Alabama, he led Bible studies with the players and now strives to show Christ to his team in Austin.

He prefers the hours of the AFL to the longer ones of the NFL, as AFL schedules allow him more time at home with Jennifer and their daughter, Lydia.

His greatest professional reward comes from helping a player through the healing process. "You see an injury happen, and



you take the guy from not being able to play, and [you] work hard," he says. "The reward is when the guy suits up and plays again." **H**

— Jennifer Lashley



**Wendy Gooch** ('98) to Vernon Bailey, Oct. 17, 2003. (607 Chestnut St., Meadville, PA 16335)

**David Farrar** ('97) to Patchareebul Suwansukhum, Oct. 23, 2003. (P.O. Box 277, Parrott, VA 24132)

**Jennifer Sharp** ('91) to Phil Baker, Oct. 25, 2003. (625 Burlington Road, San Angelo, TX 76901)

**Anna Alexander** ('82) to Mark Winney, Nov. 8, 2003. (8419 214th Place S.W., Edmonds, WA 98026)

**Robert Bush** ('75) to Julie Ann Favorite, Nov. 8, 2003. (2310 Piddler Drive, Spring, TX 77373)

**Elizabeth Butler** ('00) to Logan Heeke, Nov. 29, 2003. (1607 S. 10th St., K, Paragould, AR 72450)

**Tim Bewley** ('02) to **Holly McCulley** ('03), Dec. 22, 2003. (2900 Baby Ruth Lane, #216, Antioch, TN 37013)

**Alyssa Rickard** ('97) to Scott Pakulski, Dec. 27, 2003. (5459 Grayfield Circle, Ypsilanti, MI 48197)

**Elizabeth Sewell** ('00) to Daniel Giger, Dec. 27, 2003. Elizabeth teaches at Ouachita Christian School, and Daniel is employed by Louisiana Tech University. (1701 McKeen Place, #100, Monroe, LA 71201)

**JoAnne Hartin** ('97) to Mark Webster, Jan. 31. (11801 Roosevelt Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22407)

**Pete Teasley Jr.** ('85) to Lecelia Harrison, Feb. 22. Pete was recently selected to present at the North American Council on Adoptable Children in Minneapolis. (25800 Industrial Blvd., #W2273, Hayward, CA 94545)

## Births

To Stanley and **Kari Johnson** ('95) **Shinsato**, a daughter, Sarah Beth, Aug. 8, 2002. They also have a son, Luke. (7113 Napa Valley Drive, Frisco, TX 75035)

To **Kevin** ('94) and **Heather Johnson** ('94) **Curtis**, a son, Kyle, Aug. 28, 2002. They have two other sons, Trevor and Austin. (7819 Yorktown Road, Fort Smith, AR 72903)

To **Perry** ('91) and **Rebecca English** ('90) **Parr**, a son, Tyler, Sept. 30, 2002. They also have a daughter, Sydney. (101 Willow, England, AR 72046)

To Christian and **Janet Clark** ('93) **Perry**, a daughter, Lauren Grace, Oct. 13, 2002. Janet earned her master's degree in educational leadership from Troy State Uni-

versity in 2002. (2815 Mossy Creek Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211)

To James and **Dina Brannan** ('94) **Patterson**, a daughter, Abigail Anne, Nov. 29, 2002. They also have a son, Peter. (9012 North Ave., St. John, MO 63114)

To Greg and **Tracey Lauren Turner** ('89) **Dannels**, a daughter, Rachel Lauren, Dec. 29, 2002. (13890 S.E. 73rd Lane, Morriston, FL 32668)

To **Eddie** ('97) and **Michelle Browne** ('97) **Supratman**, a son, Angelo Gregory, Dec. 31, 2002. (508 E. Woodruff, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Jacob** ('96) and **Amy Swalwell** ('98) **Moran**, a daughter, Mindy Louise, Jan. 7, 2003. They also have a son, Isaac. (1070 S.W. Maplecrest Drive, Portland, OR 97219)

To **Kevin** ('92) and **Karalyn Christy** ('92) **Kerby**, a son, Gus Lee, Jan. 9, 2003. (5009 N. Lookout, Little Rock, AR 72205)

To **Wade** ('98) and **Michael Ann Scott** ('99) **Ramer**, a son, Carson Scott, Jan. 15, 2003. (2308 Dana Drive, Flower Mound, TX 75028)

To Kevin and **Rachel Kovach** ('96) **Cartwright**, a daughter, Ellie Kate, Jan. 31, 2003. (46032 Chatsworth, Belleville, MI 48111)

To Troy and **Melissa Rouhana** ('92) **Callow**, a daughter, Kennedy Drew, Feb. 1, 2003. (7271 Upper Cambridge Way, Westerville, OH 43082)

To **Landon** ('98) and **Jennifer Dis-mang** ('95) **Dale**, a son, Grant Everett, Feb. 15, 2003. They have another son, Blake Jennings. (8860 Greengrass Way, Parker, CO 80134)

To **Ryan** ('97) and **Jennifer Paul** ('97) **Mallory**, a son, Mason Jay, Feb. 19, 2003. (1629 Westwood, Idaho Falls, ID 83402)

To Steven Doughty and **Nancy Adams** ('90), a son, Jackson Adams, March 4, 2003. They have another son, Spencer. (59 Hellam Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055)

To **Matthew** ('94) and **Diana Lewis**, a son, Logan Bruce, March 4, 2003. (1008 Crane Circle, Saginaw, TX 76131)

To **Randall** ('90) and **Kristi Non-nast** ('90) **Long**, a son, Rex Joseph, March 4, 2003. They have two other sons, Samuel and Jack. (1157 Berwick Lane, Mahtomedi, MN 55115)

To Lloyd and **Randi Roper** ('99) **Perkins**, a son, Braxton William, March 6, 2003. (110 W. Rogers

St., Lincoln, AR 72744)

To **Todd** ('94) and **Jennifer Ivy** ('94) **Hoelzle**, a son, Carter, March 10, 2003. They have two other sons, Conner and Cooper. (2729 Cedar Brook Drive, Garland, TX 75040)

To Mark and **Debbie Bitting** ('91) **Powell**, a son, Mercer Edward, March 18, 2003. They also have a daughter, Audrey. (5712 Magnolia Woods Drive, Bartlett, TN 38134)

To David and **Anna Canarsky** ('98) **Handley**, a son, Jonathan David, March 19, 2003. (2910 S. 48th St., Lincoln, NE 68506)

To Javier and **Michelle Osborne-Chable** ('95), a son, Steven Michael, March 21, 2003. (10800 Fondren Road, #2002, Houston, TX 77096)

To **Don** ('82) and **Sundee Brown-ing**, a daughter, Camille, March 27, 2003. They have two other daughters, Maribeth and Madison. (2271 Hunters Green Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30043)

To **Travis** ('94) and **Meleah Parker** ('94) **McNeal**, a son, Parker Ryan, March 28, 2003. (9876 Siskin Cove, Cordova, TN 38016)

To **Paul** ('89) and **Lisa Mills** ('91) **Rickett**, a son, John Ethan, April 2, 2003. They have another son, Caleb. (2715 Bruce, Conway, AR 72034)

To **Ryan** ('97) and **Cortney Mullins** ('97) **Bowman**, a son, Reid Andrew, April 7, 2003. (2709 Woodsgate, Little Rock, AR 72211)

To **Ian** ('00) and **LeKay Bain** ('98) **White**, a son, Ethan, April 8, 2003. (P.O. Box 1855, Brookshire, TX 77423)

To **Dan** ('94) and **Karla McNary** ('94) **Feeney**, a daughter, Ainsley Liberty, May 3, 2003. (3803 S. Quatar Way, Aurora, CO 80018)

To **Tyler** ('99) and **Monica Higgins** ('99) **Theobald**, a daughter, Kaitlyn Diane, May 3, 2003. (12751 Prince Creek Drive, Parker, CO 80134)

To **Jeb** ('99) and **Jen Clanton** ('98) **Holaday**, a son, Grady James, May 13, 2003. They have two other children, Carsen and Kade. (290 W. Market St., Springboro, OH 45066)

To **Mitchell** ('97) and **Sara Elmer** ('97) **Coston**, a daughter, Erin Evelyn, May 30, 2003. They have two other children, Freedom and William. (800 Crescent Road, Imbler, OR 97841)

To **David** ('92) and **Stacy Hanna** ('92) **Beck**, a daughter, Lauren Leigh, May 31, 2003. They have

two other daughters, Katelyn and Tiffany. (1150 Harvest Hills Road, Zanesville, OH 43701)

To William and **Tracy Denison** ('93) **Pangborn**, a son, Eric David, June 5, 2003. They also have a daughter, Tara. (604 Gwyn Drive, Paragould, AR 72450)

To **Michael** ('00) and **Whitney Long** ('00) **Scifres**, a son, Jackson Ray, June 7, 2003. Michael is an administrative registered nurse at Baptist Medical Center, and Whitney is pursuing a residency in physical medicine. (401 Texas Ave., North Little Rock, AR 72118)

To **Zach** ('97) and **Janel Gardner** ('96) **Steed**, a son, Tucker Zachary, June 7, 2003. (2041 Shebia Drive, Birmingham, AL 35216)

To **Craig** ('88) and **Shelley Frost**, a son, Paul Tyler "Ty," June 12, 2003. They have three other children, Hall, Rachel and Isaac. (5867 FS 1430 Road, Clarksville, AR 72830)

To **Eric** ('88) and **Emilie Sabourin** ('96) **Ogren**, a son, Jackson Blake, June 12, 2003. They have another son, Jacob. (2397 Saguaro Lane, Kannapolis, NC 28083)

To **Warren "Buddy"** ('88) and **Jamie Wilson**, a daughter, Caroline Augusta, July 10, 2003. They also have a son, Warren. (5344 Via Dolores, Newbury Park, CA 91320)

To **Jay** ('97) and **Emily Mitchus-son** ('96) **Dwight**, a daughter, Emma Caitlin, July 18, 2003. They have another daughter, Hensley. Jay is a senior network engineer for Brandon Technology Consulting Inc., and Emily is a homemaker. (230 Yorktown Blvd., Locust Grove, VA 22508)

To **Bobby** ('96) and **Amy Conner** ('96) **Katon**, a son, Joseph David, July 18, 2003. They have another son, Samuel. (13987 W. 146th St., Olathe, KS 66062)

To Jonathan and **Sharon Kunkle** ('90) **Kinzel**, a daughter, Mallory Elaine, July 18, 2003. They also have a son, Mason. (2625 Skyway Lane, Auburn, WA 98002)

To **Ben** ('96) and **Sarah McJunkins** ('94) **Katon**, twin sons, Noah David and Andrew "Drew" Ryan, July 30, 2003. They have another son, Will. (808 Putting Green Drive, Blytheville, AR 72315)

To **Brian** ('97) and **Deanna Casamatta** ('98) **Watts**, a daughter, Daisy Claire, July 31, 2003. (8548 Westfield Park Drive, Olmstead Township, OH 44138)

To James and **Amy Sherwin** ('90) **Songer**, a daughter, Abigail Lovee





Elizabeth, Aug. 9, 2003. (13800 Parkcenter Lane, #438, Tustin, CA 92782)

To **Jess** ('01) and **Brooks Howard** ('00) **Parker**, a son, Tayton Jess, Aug. 23, 2003. (209 Navajo Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Mark** ('91) and **Michele Stein** ('91) **Baker**, twins, Samuel James and Rebekah Lynn, Aug. 28, 2003. Michele was named Teacher of the Year at Christian Home and Bible School in 2003. (3665 Round Lake Road, Zellwood, FL 32798)

To **Robert** ('93) and **Kimberly Gibbons** ('97) **Melillo**, a daughter, Tessa Alyn, Aug. 28, 2003. (1 Lois St., Danbury, CT 06811)

To **Jeremy** ('99) and **Mary Helmlinger** ('00) **Anderson**, a daughter, Karis Hayley, Aug. 29, 2003. (7200 S.W. Ave., Unit P99, Gainesville, FL 32607)

To **Stan** ('97) and **Jill Whiteside** ('97) **Pounds**, a son, Philip Barrett, Aug. 29, 2003. (6491 Daybreak Drive, Bartlett, TN 38135)

To **John** and **Raluca Eliescu** ('95) **Milnicichik**, a son, Luke Alexander, Sept. 3, 2003. (521 N. Arch St., Allentown, PA 18104)

To **Roy** ('00) and **Brooke Bennett** ('00) **Greenway**, a daughter, Abigail Kathleen, Sept. 5, 2003. (121 Elwood Drive, Edmond, OK 73013)

To **Steven** and **Monica Hile** ('00) **Pettypool**, a son, Aidan Douglas, Sept. 7, 2003. They have another son, Adrian. (2512 Greenock Court, Tyler, TX 75703)

To **Lonnie** ('91) and **Delany Brown** ('89) **Smith**, a son, John Alexander, Sept. 7, 2003. They have another son, Stephen Alan. Delany received her Ph.D. in special education in December 2002 from the University of Southern Mississippi. (9054 Snow Drift Lane, Cordova, TN 38016)

To **Tyler** and **Tammy Bartch** ('95) **Sparks**, a son, Jacob, Sept. 8, 2003. (2220 Goldenrod Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76111)

To **Chris** and **Nicki Lowe** ('97) **Soper**, a daughter, Madison Renee, Sept. 10, 2003. Nicki earned a bachelor's degree in medical technology in 2000 from Oregon Health Sciences University. (2018 S.E. Baker Lane, Gresham, OR 97080)

To **Ken** ('91) and **Sharon Welch** ('94) **Webb**, a son, Jacob T., Sept. 14, 2003. They also have two daughters, Symantha and Matalyn. (2500 48th Place E., #9, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405)

To **Eric** ('90) and **Kristy Smith** ('92) **Bailey**, a son, Drew, Sept. 16, 2003. They have two other sons, Dawson and Dillon. (125 Willowick Circle, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129)

To **Todd** ('84) and **Jana McCullough**, a son, Andrew Todd, Sept. 19, 2003. They also have a daughter, Julianne. Todd is managing director for Doblin Inc., a consulting firm in Chicago. (1000 Watkins Creek Drive, Franklin, TN 37067)

To **Jeff** ('97) and **Susan Hammond**, a son, Brian Garrett, Sept. 20, 2003. They also have a daughter, Kathy. (1120 Remington Trace, Antioch, TN 37013)

To **John** and **DeeAnn Harsch** ('93) **Brownlow**, a son, Jackson Thomas, Sept. 23, 2003. They also have a daughter, Isabella. (509 Sunset Drive, Hurst, TX 76054)

To **Ben** and **Jenna McKinney** ('00) **McGarvey**, a daughter, Madalyn Grace, Sept. 23, 2003. (497 Jillian Drive, Crestview, FL 32536)

To **Robert** and **Kimberly Ireland** ('98) **Williams**, a son, Ethan Robert, Sept. 24, 2003. (4 Wabash Cove, Maumelle, AR 72113)

To **Bill** ('91) and **Chris Ann Quigley** ('94) **Ceraso**, a daughter, Elizabeth Opal, Sept. 25, 2003. (132 New Jersey Road, Brooklawn, NJ 08030)

To **Mike** and **Eva Cofer** ('96) **Gibbs**, a son, Luke, Sept. 25, 2003. They also have a daughter, Bailey. (405 Honeyhill Road, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Brian** ('95) and **Carriann Cooper** ('95) **Harlan**, a daughter, Amelia Ruth, Sept. 25, 2003. They also have a son, Cooper. Brian completed his residency and joined Searcy Medical Center in 2003, and Carriann owns Gym Stars Gymnastics. (2305 Thomas, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Aaron** and **Jennifer James** ('97) **Green**, a daughter, Susannah Jane, Sept. 30, 2003. They have another daughter, Grace. (8831 E. Times Square Court, Palmer, AK 99645)

To **Jon** ('92) and **Lori Adkins** ('93) **Arnett**, a son, Greyson Mark, Oct. 5, 2003. They also have three daughters, Ellie, Carson and Molli. (1483 Apple Grove Lane, Cordova, TN 38016)

To **Reid** ('93) and **Angela Peters** ('95) **Landes**, a son, Andrew Doelias, Oct. 6, 2003. They also have a daughter, Novelynn. (608 Eighth St., Ames, IA 50010)

To **Jason** ('99) and **Misty McGough** ('01) **Roark**, a son, Elijah

Lee, Oct. 13, 2003. Jason is a youth and family minister for Crossroads Church of Christ. (4 Meadowview Place, Finleyville, PA 15332)

To **Daniel** and **Stephanie Vincent** ('94) **Dodd**, a daughter, Nichole Danielle, Oct. 16, 2003. They have another daughter, Sarah. (6102 Homestead Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46227)

To **Phil** ('88) and **Pam Fletcher**, a daughter, Delaney Taylor, Oct. 17, 2003. They also have a son, Dylan. (110 Colley Drive, Palestine, TX 75803)

To **Tim** ('96) and **Jennifer Clary** ('98) **Coyle**, a daughter, Caroline Grace, Oct. 20, 2003. Tim works for Clary Development Corp. (4200 Bear Tree Drive, Little Rock, AR 72223)

To **Vladimir** and **Jennifer Kramer** ('95) **Lisenko**, a son, Michael Bryan, Oct. 28, 2003. (P.O. Box 3152, Cordova, TN 38088)

To **Doni** ('92) and **Tami Hix** ('92) **Nastasi**, a daughter, Danielle Paige, Oct. 28, 2003. They have another daughter, Lauren. (504 Golden Harvest, Knoxville, TN 37922)

To **Jeremiah** ('00) and **April Hedden** ('99) **Palmer**, a son, Jacob Henry, Oct. 29, 2003. (2104 E. Anderson Lane, #1724, Austin, TX 78752)

To **Robert** and **Patty Fisher** ('87) **Galvan**, a daughter, Isabelle Jayne, Oct. 31, 2003. (7201 Gentle Oak Drive, Austin, TX 78749)

To **Tim** ('91) and **Katherine Willis** ('92) **Gerber**, a daughter, Emma Rose, Oct. 31, 2003. They also have two sons, Christian and Joshua. (1780 Whisperwood Trail, Danville, IN 46122)

To **Ken** ('03) and **Anissa Carlyle** ('93) **Falconer**, twin daughters, Savannah Jewel, Nov. 3, 2003, and Scarlett Noel, Nov. 4, 2003. (302 N. East St., California, MO 65018)

To **Philip** ('91) and **Lisa Bailey** ('90) **DeYoung**, a son, Ethan Spencer, Nov. 6, 2003. They also have a daughter, Marissa. (5310 Lee Hutson, Sachse, TX 75048)

To **Mark** ('91) and **Julie Crosswhite** ('91) **Halbert**, a son, Mark Hayes, Nov. 6, 2003. They have two other sons, Keaton and Carter. (1203 Antler Drive, Tupelo, MS 38804)

To **Kevin** and **Michele Roder** ('89) **Griffith**, a son, Levi Cole, Nov. 7, 2003. They have three other children, Shelby, Peyton and Abby. (1000 Cherry Road, #305, Mem-

phis, TN 38117)

To **Adrian** ('87) and **Susan Adkins** ('88) **Knight**, a daughter, Hannah Joy, Nov. 7, 2003. (342 Jacobs Ladder, Lexington, VA 24450)

To **Jason** ('96) and **Melinda Hunter** ('95) **Huff**, a son, Jonah Riley, Nov. 8, 2003. (49 E. Fourth St., #3, Superior, WI 54880)

To **Luis** ('96) and **Melissa Estrada**, a daughter, Victoria, Nov. 9, 2003. (116 Newport Court, Harleysville, PA 19438)

To **Fred** ('91) and **Tammie Kempton** ('92) **Wiley**, a daughter, Allysa Ruth, Nov. 9, 2003. Fred works for Southwestern Bell, and Tammie is a homemaker. (9110 Harmony Hill Court, Spring, TX 77379)

To **Tom** ('98) and **Christine Alkire** ('91) **Wilkinson**, a son, Caleb Glenn, Nov. 10, 2003. They have three other children, Annie, Landon and Saryn-Ashleigh. (1700 S. Center Valley Road, Sandpoint, ID 83864)

To **Greg** ('99) and **Misty Bacon** ('99) **Mathews**, a son, Caden Andrew, Nov. 17, 2003. (723 Becketts Crossing, Spring, TX 77373)

To **Brendon** ('93) and **Hayley Barker**, a son, Drew Patrick, Nov. 22, 2003. They also have a daughter, Olivia. Brendon is an attorney specializing in estate planning, probate and planning for closely held businesses in Kansas and Missouri. (13208 King St., Overland Park, KS 66213)

To **Martin** and **Nikki Beavers** ('95) **Grant**, a daughter, Chloe Nicole, Nov. 22, 2003. (105 Nichols Blvd., Senatobia, MS 38668)

To **Chris** and **Shana Steele** ('97) **Hazzard**, a daughter, Callie Michelle, Nov. 23, 2003. (3225 McCart Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76110)

To **Jason** ('00) and **Leah Weaver** ('02) **Tomlinson**, a son, Landon Isaiah, Nov. 26, 2003. (5200 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90027)

To **Brett** ('94) and **Jacque Appleton** ('96) **Rimer**, a son, Micah Addison, Nov. 30, 2003. They have another son, Caleb. (12200 Morrow N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87112)

To **Matthew** ('00) and **Martina Johnson** ('00) **Welch**, a daughter, Emma Rachel, Dec. 4, 2003. (206 Diamond Pointe Drive, Maumelle, AR 72113)

To **Ryan** and **Renate Selvidge** ('91) **Palmer**, a son, Jackson Dean, Dec. 6, 2003. They have another son, Benjamin Ryan. (920 E. Har-



## Endowment: the opportunities are endless

By D. MARK MOORE, *director of planned giving*

A recent radio program touched on the three periods of time we switch our minds among — past, present and future — and the need to keep all three in balance. We learn from the past in order to understand the present, live in the present to prepare for the future, and visualize the future in order to know how to live today.



D. Mark Moore

The Office of Planned Giving works with friends of the University, setting goals and objectives today for the Harding of tomorrow.

Specifically, we strive to build the endowment fund in order to assure the continuance of proven programs and to allow the development of new ones at the University.

For example, a recent gift from the trust of Mary K. Murphy is being used to endow the Searcy Summer Dinner Theatre, a program she enjoyed on campus for many years. Although it has been very popular, the University has subsidized the SSDT during its 23 years of existence in order to keep prices reasonable. With the endowment from Mrs. Murphy, the program will no longer need to be subsidized by the University. It is now able to pay all expenses and build funds for the purchase of lights, sound equipment and props as needed.

Because Harding no longer subsidizes the SSDT, the University can now use those funds to develop other programs or to provide additional scholarships for students.

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- a computer lab on campus or a resource center in one of the colleges
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To James and **Dena King** ('97) **Cox**, a son, Lewis Owen, Dec. 7, 2003. (1630 Archer Ave., Marshall, IL 62441)

To **Roger** ('96) and **Chemaine Weaver** ('95) **Butner**, a son, Shepard Michael, Dec. 8, 2003. Roger received his Ph.D. from the University of Alabama in December 2003. (7744 Wimbledon Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70810)

To Robert and **Jessica Ford** ('99) **Henderson**, a daughter, Katalina Lynette, Dec. 8, 2003. They have another daughter, Kylie. (1117 School St. E., Suisun, CA 94585)

To **Mark** ('91) and **Jennifer Rogers** ('91) **Osburn**, a daughter, Sydney Danielle, Dec. 8, 2003, by adoption. Sydney was born March 21, 2003. They have another daughter, Savannah. (10349 Shady Oak Lane, Largo, FL 33777)

To Joe and **Nikki Bledsoe** ('94) **DeLong**, a daughter, Elizabeth Grace, Dec. 10, 2003. They have two other children, McKenna and Michael. (3270 Cumberland Court, Kissimmee, FL 34746)

To Tony and **Christie Mangrum** ('96) **Campbell**, a son, Jackson Samuel, Dec. 11, 2003. (306 Ella St., Smyrna, TN 37167)

To Jason and **Sara Hicks** ('96) **Gonzalez**, a son, Richard Henry Lee, Dec. 12, 2003. They have two other sons, Bryson and Jay. (2949 Brandemere Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32312)

To **Scott** and **Emily Brown** ('90) **Glisson**, a daughter, Harper Sannah, Dec. 14, 2003. They have three other children, Preston, Tripp and Briley. (5928 Edenfield Drive, Acworth, GA 30101)

To **John** ('00) and Anne **Cox**, a son, John Michael, Dec. 15, 2003. (520 Balfour Court, Avon, IN 46123)

To **Jeremy** ('98) and **Denise Pierce** ('95) **Paul**, a son, Hunter Robert, Dec. 16, 2003. (1507 S. Catalina Ave., B, Redondo Beach, CA 90277)

To **Donald** ('90) and **Kim Gooch** ('93) **Robbins**, a son, Luke Andrew, Dec. 16, 2003. (7565 Wheatley, Germantown, TN 38138)

To Michael and **Susan Parks** ('96) **Flowers**, a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, Dec. 18, 2003. (109 Welton Court, East Peoria, IL 61611)

To **Jim** ('93) and **Annette Swangel** ('93) **McFarland**, a daughter, Esther Marquand, Dec. 19, 2003. They have two other children, Hannah and Noah. (11036 Virgil St., Indianapolis, IN 46259)

To **Bruce** ('92) and Becky **Richardson**, a daughter, Kayla Marie, Dec. 21, 2003. They also have a son, Michael. (609 Flintlock Drive, Smyrna, TN 37167)

To **Michael** ('98) and Amy **Christie**, a son, Cole David, Dec. 22, 2003. (11 Remington, Highland Village, TX 75077)

To **Ryan** ('97) and **Paula Alig** ('98) **Butterfield**, a son, Samuel Cole, Dec. 28, 2003. (2010 Caleb Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

To Rodney and **Lisa Noblitt** ('88) **Gruber**, a daughter, Hailey Brooke, Dec. 28, 2003. (251 West Lake Circle, Madison, AL 35758)

To **Kevin** ('98) and **Jenny Parrott** ('98) **Box**, a daughter, Lucy Grace, Dec. 29, 2003. Kevin is operations manager for Clear-Channel Communications, and Jenny is a homemaker. (2305 Sheffield Drive, Jonesboro, AR 72401)

To **Jerry** ('94) and **Paula Peebles** ('93) **Laird**, a son, Andrew Levi, Dec. 31, 2003. They have two other children, Easton and Audrey. (17 Fairview Drive, York, NE 68467)

To **Steve** ('96) and **Heather Amos** ('97) **Allen**, a son, Jayden Thomas, Jan. 1. (1204 S. 11th St., Ozark, MO 65721)

To **Ryan** ('99) and **Julie Manzella** ('00) **Rivera**, a son, Ethan Michael, Jan. 3. (4019 Kerley Court, Hutto, TX 78634)

To **Lance** ('89) and Tracy **Bailey**, a daughter, McKinlee Rae, Jan. 9. They also have a son, Hayden. (7220 Broken Hickory Drive, Walls, MS 38680)

To **Russ** ('96) and **Jennifer Frye** ('96) **Belue**, a daughter, Lucy Claire, Jan. 15. (1277 Bending Creek Drive, Antioch, TN 37013)

To **Jonathan** ('97) and **Morgan Nokes** ('96) **Pace**, a daughter, Emma Grace, Jan. 20. They have two other children, Madison and Caleb. (7879 Meadow Vale Drive, Memphis, TN 38125)

To Donnie and **Tonya Butler** ('96) **Fitzgerald**, a daughter, Leah Claire, Jan. 22. They also have a son, Eli. (204 Bunker Hill Road, West Monroe, LA 71291)

To Matt and **Callie Milks** ('00) **Meeker**, a son, Matthew Aaron Jr., Jan. 23. (162 Angela Drive, Clarksville, AR 72830)

To **Ryan** ('03) and **Candace Ward** ('02) **Colón**, a daughter, Kylee Nicole, Jan. 24. (107 Stoneridge Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **David** ('99) and **Sheryl Dunkle** ('98) **Marks**, a daughter, Reagan Louise, Jan. 26. (84 Posture Gate Court, St. Peters, MO 63304)

To Chad and **Ellen Cofer** ('95) **Soles**, a son, Evan Reid, Jan. 27. (101 Rose Lane, Judsonia, AR 72081)

To **Timothy** ('99) and **Jana Hendrix** ('98) **Johnston**, a son, Tristan Andrew, Jan. 30. (4008 Colorado Springs Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76123)

To **Kyle** ('96) and **Angie Sickbert** ('97) **Brice**, a son, Keegan James, Feb. 5. (101 Jasmine Drive, Republic, MO 65738)

To **Kern** ('94) and **Bonnie Hart** ('91) **Bruner**, five children, Melissa Renee Shannon, Mickle Kern Stephen, Destiny Rae, David William Hart and Joseph Daniel, Feb. 6, by adoption. Melissa was born April 13, 1992; Mickle, April 27, 1994; Destiny, Feb. 20, 1998; David, July 11,





1998; and Joseph, April 8, 2000. (4189 Bethlehem Church Road, Wickliffe, KY 42087)

To **Stacy** ('98) and **Ellen Huffard** ('96) **Ferrell**, twin sons, Joseph Luke and Jacob Everitt, Feb. 9. They have another son, Samuel. (895 Murfreesboro Road, Nashville, TN 37217)

To **Kent** ('96) and **Cara Wilson** ('97) **Jobe**, a son, Austin William, Feb. 9. They have another son, Derek. (311 Mockingbird Lane, El Dorado, AR 71730)

To Michael and **Julie Clements** ('01) **Johnson**, a son, Michael Lee Jr., Feb. 9. They also have two daughters, Misty and Melody. Julie is working at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta as a pediatric cardiac registered nurse. (2329 Highway 81, Covington, GA 30016)

To **Mark** ('95) and **Tiffany Crafton**, a son, Ethan Grant, Feb. 13. They have two other children, Hannah and Hayden. (23 Willow Cove, Cabot, AR 72023)

To **Alex** ('94) and **Jennifer Jordan** ('94) **Roberts**, a son, Logan Curtis, Feb. 18. They have two other sons, Britt and Jordan. Alex has been named head football coach at Ezell-Harding Christian School in Nashville, Tenn. (30 Westwood Drive, Cedartown, GA 30125)

To Randy and **Erin Hundley** ('94) **Bowman**, a daughter, Mihaela Hope, Feb. 19, by adoption. 23 Forest Trail Court, Millbrook, AL 36054)

To **Scott** ('92) and **Kelly Smith** ('93) **Tenery**, a daughter, Karlie Ruth, Feb. 20. They also have a son, Greer. (6404 Avanti Drive, Arlington, TX 76001)

To **Dan** ('96) and **Donna Dillard** ('96) **Page**, a son, Andrew Page, Feb. 21. (11781 Medina Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92840)

To Evan and **Traci Busby** ('97) **Johnston**, a daughter, Victoria Rose, Feb. 27. (2510 Remington Road, Conway, AR 72032)

To **Matt** ('99) and **Jessica Norris** ('98) **Fincher**, a son, Luke Moraell, March 14. (103 St. Brendans Drive, Bonaire, GA 31005)

To **Ram** ('90) and **Jill Richards** ('90) **Tackett**, a son, Houston Chase, March 16. (17611 Loring Lane, Spring, TX 77388)

To Shad and **Robyn Bowers** ('97) **Fincher**, a daughter, Laura Claire, March 19. They also have a daughter, Mary Nan. (363 CR 4799, Bloomburg, TX 75556)

To Phil and **Jennifer Sanders** ('00) **Fessler**, a son, Jeffrey David,

March 21. (Harding University, Box 10770, Searcy AR, 72149)

To **Brett** ('96) and **Holly Nichols** ('96) **Neely**, a daughter, Evan Elaine, March 29. They have two other daughters, Anna Beth and Ella Mae. (5220 Fort Concho, Fort Worth, TX 76137)

## Passages

**Danny Womack** ('89), 36, died Jan. 19, 2003. Danny is survived by his mother, Barbara Bunch. (350 Cool Mist Lane, Batesville, AR 72501)

**Delores Ann Grayson Girdley** ('56), 69, died March 15, 2003. She is survived by her husband, **James D.** ('53); and one granddaughter. (P.O. Box 386, Athens, AL 35612)

**James Kern Sears** ('42), 83, died June 8, 2003. He received his Ph.D. in organic chemistry in 1947, after which he taught chemistry at Harding for four years. He then worked for the Monsanto Co. for 35 years, retiring in 1986 as a senior research scientist. While at Monsanto, he authored many technical chapters and co-authored *The Technology of Plasticizers* (J. Wiley). He was a member and past elder of McKnight Road Church of Christ in St. Louis. He is survived by his wife, **Sarah Kerr** ('51); three daughters, **Sarah** ('76), **Elizabeth Parsons** ('79) and **Annie Logan** ('84); a son, **Robert** ('86); and his brother, **Jack Wood** ('40). (485 Hawthorne Ave., St. Louis, MO 63119)

**Linda Carrell Gartman** ('71), 53, died Aug. 25, 2003, from cancer. She was a financial analyst for KeyCorp. She was a member of the church of Christ and taught children's Bible classes for more than 30 years. She is survived by her husband of 34 years, **Paul** ('70); her parents, Gene and Henrietta Carrell; a son, Don; two daughters, Misty Engelbrecht and Jodi Huffman; and four grandchildren. (5366 Reston Park Drive, Columbus, OH 43235)

**Robert B. Hawkins** ('45), 79, died Oct. 11, 2003. He preached at Plainview, Texas; Clovis, N.M.; and Yukon, Okla. He is survived by his wife, **Betty** ('45); and his son, **Brad** ('80). (2420 Howard Cowper Drive, Clovis, NM 88101)

**Beatrice Barde Shaver** ('56), 74, died Nov. 12, 2003, from cancer. She taught clerical skills to disadvantaged adults for 20 years in White Plain, N.Y., and also taught English as a second language for

several years to adults in Queens, N.Y. She was a member of Northside Church of Christ in San Antonio and served on the board of the Northside Foundation and the advisory board of the Austin Graduate School of Theology. An accomplished musician, she held the same seat at the symphony for 15 years. She is survived by her husband, **Joe** ('46); a son, Neal; two daughters, Cynthia Hopkins and Susan Johnson; a brother, Robert Barde; and seven grandchildren. (18302 Edwards Bluff, San Antonio, TX 78259)

**James C. Sorrells** ('65), 60, died Nov. 12, 2003, from accidental asphyxiation while on a hunting trip in Wyoming. Jim served as IT manager for several Dallas companies. He was a member of Kaufman Church of Christ in Kaufman, Texas, and worked 20 years in the prison ministry. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Kathy; his mother, **Reba Gifford Sorrells** ('41); two sons, Dan and Joe; three brothers, Jon, **Tommy** ('69) and **Darrell** ('77); two sisters, Deanna and Susan; and three grandchildren.

**Loudine Guthrie Petway** ('40), 85, died Nov. 14, 2003. She was a member of College Church of Christ, extension homemakers, and a past president of Associated Women for Harding. She is survived by a son, **Alec** ('75); two daughters, **Stephanie Rodriguez** ('69) and **Sonya Burchett** ('81); eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Helen Marie Hendrix Sargent** ('58), 68, died Nov. 22, 2003. For the past 14 years, Helen worked with "In Search of the Lord's Way" television program. She was a member of Quail Springs Church of Christ. She is survived by her husband, Bill; a daughter, Serene Niciosie; two brothers, Paul and **Weldon** ('59); and three sisters, Juanita Benson, Evelyn Conner and **Augustine Cheatham** ('61). (12468 Trail Oak, Oklahoma City, OK 73120)

**Mabel Groves Wools** ('51), 94, died Dec. 2, 2003. She taught school for 40 years in Prairie and White counties in Arkansas and was a member of Eastern Star for more than 50 years.

**Reese N. Walton** ('41), 82, died Dec. 14, 2003, from bronchitis. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War, receiving a battlefield promotion to captain. He was a teacher and a school superintendent in Hawthorne, Calif., for 35

## EVENTS

### JUNE

7-July 2  
Summer I

7-July 30  
Eight-week summer session

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Honors Symposium, session I

### JULY

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### OCTOBER

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Family weekend

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years. He retired in 1981 and began competing in 10K and marathon running events throughout Southern California. Walton was Hawthorne Citizen of the Year in 1976 and was an active member of the Hawthorne Rotary club for more than 20 years. In 1983 he was appointed ambassador to the 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles for Hawthorne and ran in the Olympic Torch Run preceding the games. Even before relocating to Sierra Vista, Ariz., in 1990, he took up cycling and became an active competitor in the Perimeter Bicycling Association of America. He celebrated his last birthday by cycling 82 miles. He attended both the J-Six and Village Meadows churches of Christ. He is survived by two daughters, **Mary Ann Martin** ('65) and Betty Walton; two grandsons; and three great-granddaughters.

**George W. Woodruff**, 82, died Dec. 25, 2003. He served in the Navy for 30 years and spent four



years in active duty during World War II. He served another 25 years in the Navy Reserve. He began his teaching and coaching career in Rush Springs, Okla., and taught at Harding for 26 years. He is survived by three daughters, **Georgia Alexander** ('69), **Cheri Gardner** ('81) and **Jill Pulley** ('80); a sister, Ernestine Vaderhoff; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

**Tammy Rena Brown**, ('00), 36, died Jan. 3. She is survived by her parents, Johnny B. and Mildred Smith Brown; and two sisters, **Amy Nicole** ('97) and Ashley.

**Susan Mary Williams Davidson** ('88), 38, died Jan. 5 after a sudden illness. She was a member of the church of Christ in Woodbury, Minn. She homeschooled and ran a day care business in her home. She was also involved in Camping-Out VBS, Flaming Pine Youth Camp, Eagles Wings Home School Co-op, and Girl Scouts Summer Camp. She is survived by her husband, **Kent** ('85); her mother, **Alice Williams** ('61); four daughters, Alyssa, Tana, Kalai and Malia; a son, D.J.; six brothers, **Ralph** ('87), **Leslie** ('88), **Gary** ('84), Lyle, Timothy and James; four sisters, Carolyn Steiner, Lorraine Williams, Jennifer King and Trina Williams; and her grandmother, Pearl Orr. (9071 Duckwood Trail, Wood-

bury, MN 55125)

**Robert Clinton "R.C." McCourt** ('50), 83, died Jan. 15. A veteran of World War II, he served 28 years in the U.S. Postal Service in Texas. He was a member of Westside Church of Christ, the White County Historical Society, NARFE and AARP. He enjoyed baseball and was associated with Little League until 1957. He is survived by two daughters, **Myra Shock** ('72) and Diane Fortner; and three grandchildren.

**Windle H. Thompson** ('41), 88, died Jan. 22. He was a retired educator and pharmacist. He served in World War II where he transferred to G2 Intelligence based in General Eisenhower's London headquarters. He crossed at Normandy and served in France and Belgium. Based on his wartime service, he became a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. In retirement he tutored Vietnamese students and helped them obtain citizenship. He was an honored member of Who's Who in Oklahoma. He is survived by his wife, Eugenia; two daughters, Winda Dumond and Cheryl Johnson; a brother, Maurice; and six grandchildren. (317 S. 7th St., Muskogee, OK 74401)

**Bill J. Hodges** ('77), 74, died Jan. 23. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served in Japan during the Korean War. He retired as a master sergeant from the U.S.A.F. Reserve. He retired as an accountant from Texas Utilities Electric in 1993. A pilot and aviation historian, he was a founding member of the International Ryan Club and was editor of the Ryan Newsletter. Hodges was an aviation consultant as well as a member of the Civil War Round Table, Antique Airplane Association and AOPA. He was a former staff member at Harding and a member of College Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Martha; his mother; four sons, **Joe** ('78), **Geoff** ('80), Jay and **John** ('98); two daughters, **Vivian Davis** ('71) and **Laurie Bishop** ('89); a brother, Ben; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. (19 Stoneybrook, Searcy, AR 72143)

**Edith Johnson Ganus** ('49), 81, died Feb. 1. She is survived by her husband, **Melvin** ('48); two daughters, **Nancy Powell** ('78) and **Becky Finn** ('82); a sister, **Doris Ganus** ('47); and six grandchildren. (3804 Ridgeway Drive, Metairie, LA 70002)

**John Earl Humphries** ('51), 83,

died Feb. 4. He was a World War II Purple Heart veteran and a retired business administrator. He is survived by his wife, Bernice; a son, Bill; three daughters, Janie, Earlece Pearce and Gwen Ross; a sister, Juanita Pinegar; two brothers, Neal and Guy; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. (P.O. Box 269, Judsonia, AR 72081)

**Ira Herman West Jr.** ('40), 85, died Feb. 5 from cancer. He was a member of College Church of



Christ and was the retired manager of Harding Press, in addition to being a professional photographer. During his 50

years of perfect attendance in the International Association of Lions Clubs, he held all club and district offices. In Tokyo in July 1969, he was elected as an international director and traveled the world furthering the objectives of Lionism. He was past president of Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, past chairman of the Arkansas Lions Committee for Sight Conservation and Work for the Blind, past chairman of the board of Arkansas Eye and Kidney Bank, past president and life member of the Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service, and past chairman of the Arkansas State Services for the Blind. He received many awards for his service to Lions, including the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon an association member. He is survived by two daughters, **Louellen West** ('66) and **Kristina Coleman** ('72); and a grandson.

**Dorothy Helm** ('68), 57, died Feb. 8. She is survived by her husband, Donald; and a son, **Shane** ('96). (883 Bayou Ridge Loop, Dover, AR 72837)

**Reba Davis Brandon Baugh** ('53), 91, died Feb. 11. She was a retired schoolteacher who taught in Searcy Public Schools for 29 years. She is survived by a daughter, Ruby Smith; two stepsons, Roland and Vaughn; a stepdaughter, Peggy Baugh; a sister, Ota Hixson; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

**Johnathan Dexter** ('00), 26, died Feb. 26 from cancer. He is survived by his parents, Jim and **Carolyn** ('01); a brother, Ryan; and a sister, Erica. (107 Hefner, Searcy, AR 72143)

**James H. Hickman** ('54), 70, died Feb. 26. After completing med-

ical school at the University of Arkansas School of Medicine, he served in the Arkansas National Guard and was called to provide medical services during the 1957 Central High School crisis. He opened a rural practice in Walnut Ridge, Ark., where he served as mayor. He later became a board certified psychiatrist, serving as deputy commissioner of the Arkansas State Mental Health System and medical director of the Arkansas State Mental Health Hospital. He was a pilot, a marksman, an avid outdoorsman, and he raised horses. He is survived by his wife, Daphna; a son, Michael; a daughter, Nancy; a brother, **Darrell** ('56); and three grandchildren. (505 W. Grant Ave, Hot Springs, AR 71901)

**Howard D. Garner** ('50), 76, died March 1 from cancer. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a teacher, coach and high school principal from 1951-1965. Until his retirement in 1993, he worked for the Forrest T. Jones Co. as the regional director of group plans for the Missouri State Teachers Association. For most of his adult life, he was a part-time church of Christ minister, teacher and song leader, helping more than 30 churches in five states. He is survived by a son, **Jeffrey Garner** ('80); two brothers, Jim and Joe; one sister, Myrldene Smith; and three grandchildren.

**Evertt L. Huffard** ('46), 79, died March 7. He was a retired professor of Bible at Freed-Hardeman University, where he was awarded an honorary doctorate in 1997. He was the visiting missionary at Harding in 1974-75. He worked with local churches in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas before leading efforts in Jerusalem (1963-70), Beirut, Lebanon (1971-74), and Amman, Jordan (1975-79). Since then, he had served churches in the West Tennessee area and led missions to Africa, the Philippines, Russia and Yugoslavia. He is survived by his wife, **Elsie** ('73); a son, **Evertt W.** ('71); a daughter, **Elaine Denman** ('75); four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. (56 Hurtland Drive, Jackson, TN 38305)

**Alana Isom** ('86) **Rose**, 39, died March 10. She is survived by her husband, **Brian** ('87); parents, **Allan** ('60) and **Carole Thomas** ('60) **Isom**; a daughter, Lindsey; a brother, Danny; and two sisters, **Susan Henry** ('91) and **Jeanne Burks** ('94). (289 Lost Creek Drive, Sunnyvale, TX 75182)



# Conventional wisdom

By MARK ELROD, *associate professor of political science*

## IF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL CYCLE WERE AN AMUSEMENT PARK RIDE,

it would be better represented by a merry-go-round than a roller coaster. As far as excitement goes, one of the two is certainly better than the other. This is especially true with respect to nominating conventions.

Traditionally, each party's presidential cycle has begun with announced candidates, a brief series of primaries, an exciting party convention, the nomination of a candidate by delegates, and (finally) a general election.

Few Americans can remember when it really worked this way, especially the part about "exciting nominating conventions." And it's not because we have short memories, but because neither party has held a contested convention in almost 25 years. Neither of the two major candidates running was old enough to vote the last time his respective party held a convention that went beyond the first ballot.

For the political junkies who live for the excitement of presidential elections, this has been a disappointing development. But for most of us, the presidential nominating convention is just another victim of the television age.

In the case of both major parties in the United States, today's nominating conventions are designed to be well-choreographed events that are completely devoid of drama. For Democrats and Republicans alike, the worst-case scenario would be to have the American television viewing audience tune in to their convention only to witness a political version of the Hindenburg disaster. As a result, they now leave reality TV to the professionals at "American Idol."

If this summer's conventions in Boston and New York are anything like the conventions of four years ago, it is safe to say both will be predictable affairs. Most of the major issues that the general public will consider in November, including nominees for president and vice president and platforms, will be decided long before the first delegates arrive. There is even some speculation that John Kerry, the presumptive Democratic Party nominee, will have his running mate chosen before the convention, probably removing the last remaining piece of drama left in the entire pre-election process.

While this year's conventions will be far less exciting than the conventions of the last century, this might be a change for the better, especially if you are a fan of the democratic process. Nobody misses the days of smoke-filled rooms of politicians making shady deals over candidates and platforms. My guess is that if Americans had actually known about what was going on in those rooms, our apathy toward the political process would be even greater than it is today.

Not that the convention is a bad idea. Before the Anti-Masonic Party introduced the idea in

1831, most of the parties in existence selected candidates through their respective legislative caucuses. For many Americans, this too smacked of elitism. In 1832, the Democrats became the first major party to hold an open-nominating convention. The Republican Party has always used conventions to nominate its presidential candidates, including its first, John Frémont, in 1856. Party delegates selecting candidates in an open environment is certainly an improvement over the legislative caucus.

At the beginning of the 20th century, the progressive movement emphasized an even more transparent process by promoting the use of state primaries and caucuses to select convention delegates. In the last several decades, both parties have front-loaded the delegate selection process in order to get a consensus candidate out in front of voters as quickly as possible.

Unfortunately, nominating conventions have also produced some less-memorable moments in our nation's political history. The Democratic Party split twice at its conventions – the first time in 1860 over the issue of slavery and again in 1948 when Strom Thurmond's "Dixiecrats" bolted over the issue of civil rights. Many times delegates have been deadlocked in attempts to find a consensus on candidates or a platform. In 1924, delegates to the Democratic convention cast a record 103 ballots before nominating John W. Davis to run against Calvin Coolidge.

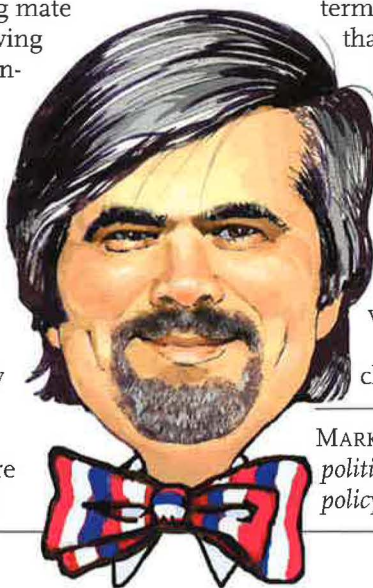
The last time either party held a "contested" nomination where the process took more than one round of balloting was in 1952 when Adlai Stevenson was selected over Estes Kefauver on the third ballot. The most recent "narrow vote" occurred at the 1976 Republican convention when the incumbent Gerald Ford was selected over Ronald Reagan on the first ballot, 1,187 to 1,070.

Since then, conventions have become a lot less exciting in terms of the nomination process. Today it seems that the most important function of a convention is to give party loyalists a chance to get voters as excited about their nominee as they are. In other words, it serves the purpose of a rally rather than a real convention.

So if you are looking for high drama and excitement this summer, I would suggest watching the Olympics or "American Idol." But if you are looking for predictability, try watching a nominating convention.

I can already hear those remote controls clicking. **H**

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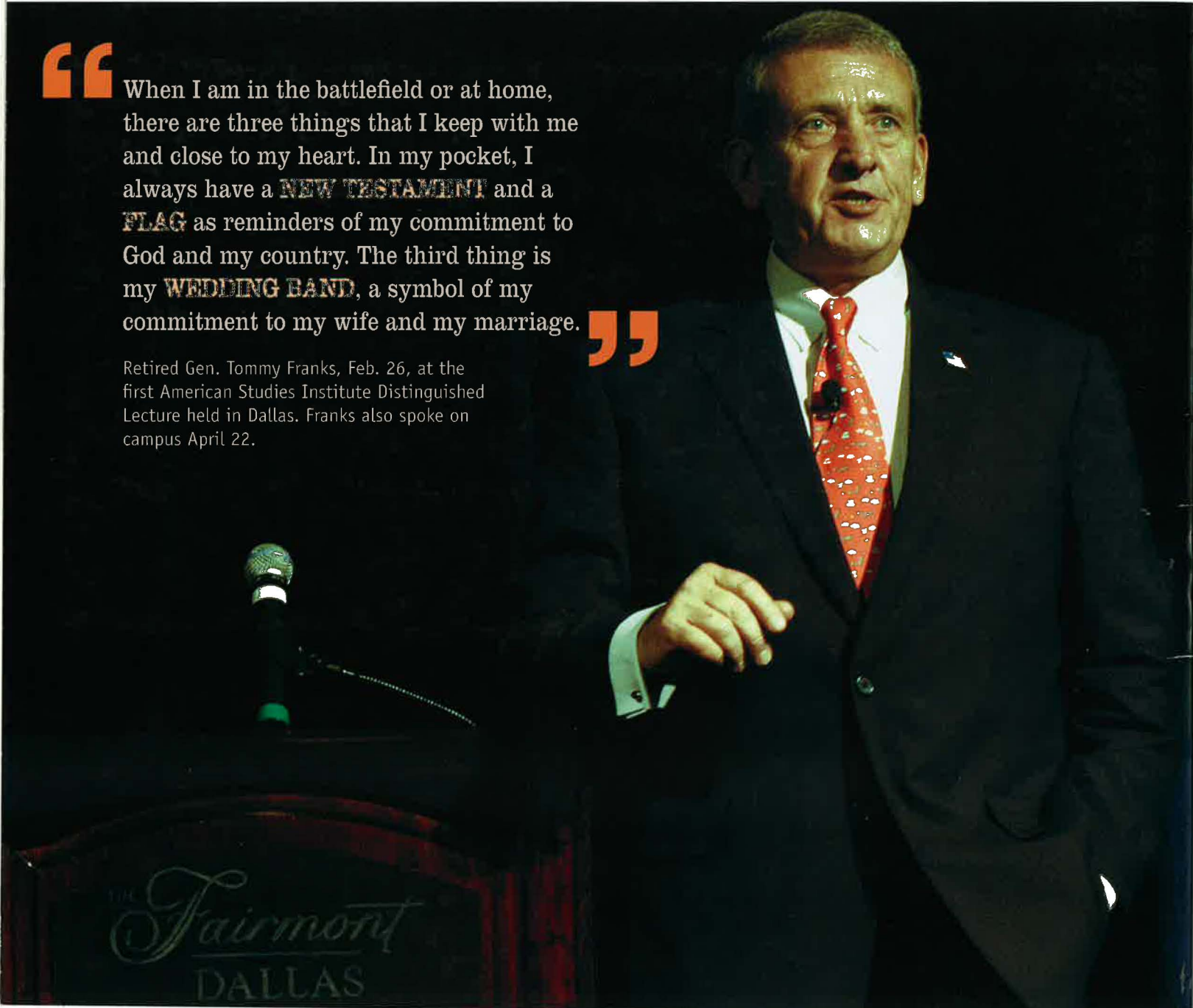
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“When I am in the battlefield or at home, there are three things that I keep with me and close to my heart. In my pocket, I always have a **NEW TESTAMENT** and a **FLAG** as reminders of my commitment to God and my country. The third thing is my **WEDDING BAND**, a symbol of my commitment to my wife and my marriage.”

Retired Gen. Tommy Franks, Feb. 26, at the first American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture held in Dallas. Franks also spoke on campus April 22.





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